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BARDIA WEAKENS AS BRITISH APPLY INCREASED PRESSURE

Italy Accepts Fall Of Town As Inevitable

LONDON, DEC. 29 (REUTER).—BARDIA NOW SEEMS TO BE WEAKENING UNDER THE RELENTLESS BRITISH PRESSURE OF THE PAST TEN DAYS AND A CAIRO COMMUNIQUE TO-DAY SAID THAT IN THAT AREA BRITISH GUNS HAD BEEN ACTIVE WITH LITTLE RESPONSE FROM THE ITALIANS.

Raids on Britain

Fairly Quiet Sunday Night

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—Only slight German activity over Britain during to-night (Sunday) is reported by the Air Ministry.

Bombs were dropped at a place in North-west England where a small number of people were killed and others were injured.

Bombs were also dropped at one Suffolk coast town and at two Kent coast towns, but though some houses were damaged, no casualties were reported.

London had one of the earliest alerts to-night for some time and in the early stages the raid proved one of the most intensive yet experienced. In all areas, showers of incendiaries were followed by high explosives.

British pressure is being maintained in other parts of the war zone in Africa. In the Sudan-Abyssinia sector, south-east of Kassala and east of Gallabat, British patrols with artillery support have been harrying the Italians successfully.

In Italy itself, the early fall of Bardia seems to be taken as inevitable. Signor Ansaldo, who takes second place only to Signor Gayda as the leading Italian publicist, declared to-day in a Turin paper that Bardia is in no sense a bastion of the Italian forces in Africa.

Italo-Greek War

HEAVY FIGHTING IN SNOW

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—Unconfirmed reports in the Belgrade newspaper "Politika" state that the Greeks have taken an important town between Pogradetz and El Bassan. The Greeks, says the paper, outflanked the town after heavy fighting in the snow.

To-day marks the end of the second month of Greco-Italian hostilities.

Valona Foreshore Bombed

CAIRO, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—A successful bombing of the Valona foreshore in southern Albania is reported from I.T.A.F. H.Q. in the Middle East.

One heavy bomb was seen to explode 50 yards from a large ship but the effect of other bombs could not be observed owing to the extremely bad weather.

All British aircraft returned safely.

R.A.F.—Nazi Comparison

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—During the week ended midnight on December 28, the Germans lost, in raids on Britain, seven planes—two on the night of December 21-22; three on the night of December 22-23; one during the day of December 23; and one on the day of December 25.

During the same period no British fighters were lost.

Five British bombers were lost in the course of widespread heavy attacks over enemy and enemy-occupied territory—one on the night of December 22-23; one on the night of December 23-24; one on the night of December 24-25; and two on the night of December 27-28.

INDIAN LABOUR

CALCUTTA, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—Leading anti-Fascists in the Indian Labour world are holding labour rallies throughout the country to mobilise Labour support for the war effort. Various industrial leaders are joining.

Military Training

BOMBAY, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—The need for Indian youths to take advantage to the utmost of facilities for military training in every branch of war effort, was stressed at various conferences held throughout India during Christmas week.

Mine Accident

JHAJHA, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—Four persons, including Mr. E. G. Barker, assistant manager of the Katur Colliery, were asphyxiated while inspecting a mine.

They were overcome by a leakage of gas before help could reach them.

Mysterious Report

Plane Allegedly Downed

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—Reports that a French plane with five persons on board, including high personages, was shot down by Spanish A.A. fire near Gibraltar on December 25 while on its way to France from Morocco, are denied by the French wireless from Lyons to-night.

No French plane, stated the announcer, left Morocco from France on that day nor have the French authorities any information of a plane under repair which left Oran on December 25 with only civil technicians on board.

60% Of U.S. Favours More Aid For Britain

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—No less than 60 per cent. of the population of the United States now realises that it is more important to aid Britain even at the risk of entering the war, than to keep out at all costs.

The latest Gallup survey shows, the "New York Times" reports, that in response to the question: "Do you believe that the Germans intend to make slaves of the people of Europe and to control American trade?"

Italian Planes Downed

CAIRO, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—Two Italian aircraft were brought down and five others were damaged during an encounter between R.A.F. fighters and a large formation of enemy bombers escorted by fighters.

Announcing this, the R.A.F. Headquarters in the Middle East also says that during an R.A.F. raid on Tobruk on the night of December 26, fires were started but the full extent of the damage could not be observed.

The enemy bombed Sollum but only slight damage was caused.

Arabs Delighted

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—The southern Arabs have never been closer to the British than they are now, reports a British official who has just returned to Aden from a tour of the Hadramaut region of southern Arabia.

The victories in the West Desert have given great delight to the Arabs and have brought relief to the coastal Arabs who have learned to hate Mussolini and Fascism.

Plot Against Ibn Saud

Conspirators Caught

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—The Saudi-Arabian Legation in Cairo stated to-day that a plot against King Ibn Saud had been discovered. Two persons had been sentenced to death and others had been sent to prison.

Before the news was made public the Italian radio had already started to accuse the British of complicity in the deed.

The accusations are fantastic state London circles, who said that it was obviously ridiculous that the British should harbour malice against an old and tried friend.

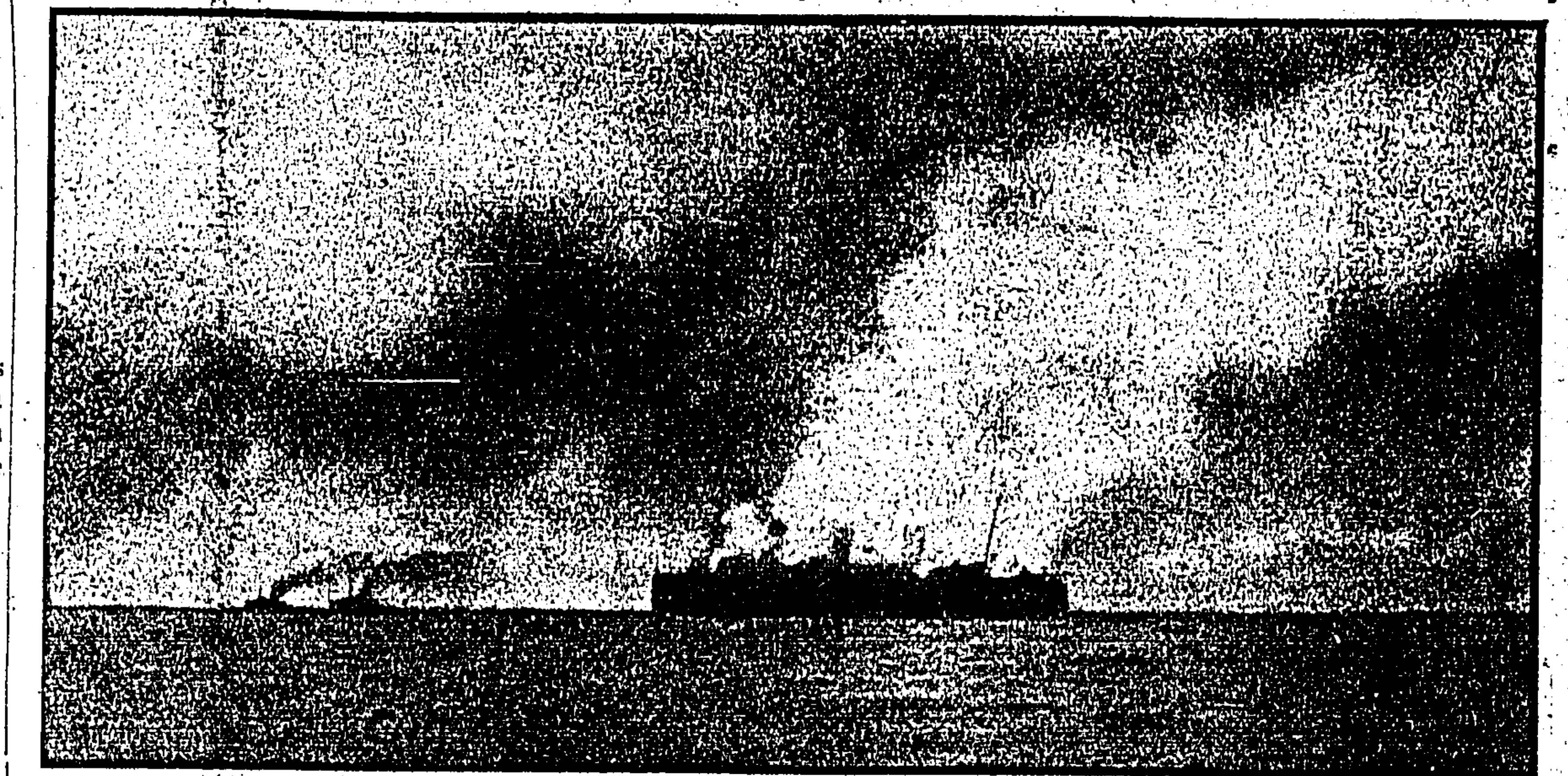
General Booth's Son Dies

Ballington Booth, "rebel" son of General William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, has died in New York, aged 81.

When he was 26 he was sent to Australia to commence the Salvation Army there, and succeeded so well that he was transferred to America and New York society received him and his wife so well that when they were ordered by London Headquarters to leave America and begin work in another land a petition was sent to London asking that the order be cancelled.

But General William Booth held that all Salvation Army workers were under oath to obey headquarters without question, and he could not make an exception for a member of his own family.

Ballington Booth then quit the "Army" and founded a movement which he called the "Volunteers of America", and later adopted American citizenship.



EMPERESS OF BRITAIN ABLAZE

This remarkable picture shows the £3,000,000 Empress of Britain liner, well-known in Hongkong, in flames 150 miles from the coast of Eire. Tugs were trying to tow her to port after she had been attacked by Nazi dive-bombers. Soon after this dramatic picture was taken the 42,348-ton vessel blew up and sank.

Matsuoka Speech Hotly Criticised

American Resentment

Special to the "Telegraph"

TIENSIN, Dec. 26 (UP).—The American Chamber of Commerce in Tientsin has vigorously denounced Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka's speech of December 19, which claimed that Japan had shut no trade door anywhere and that there was no conquest, oppression or exploitation under the "New Order."

Franco-German Negotiations

Petain Uninformative

VICHY, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—Marshal Petain made a national broadcast this afternoon but threw no light on the present Franco-German negotiations which have been the subject of a big crop of week-end rumours.

He confined himself to a moral appeal to French youth and men for self-sacrifice and team spirit.

Bitter Anti-Nazi Feeling

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—Bitter anti-German feeling in France was admitted to-day by the German-controlled Paris radio.

The announcer complained that when the R.A.F. bombers made their raids, a French woman said, "The English at last. May God bless their bombs."

The Italians too seem to have some misgivings and an Italian National Council in Rome to-day complained, "Italy, while in a life-and-death struggle against the strongest empire in the world, cannot trust the French. It cannot be said that vanquished France is yet persuaded of her defeat."

Plan To Oust Americans

"The truth is easy to find for those who wish to see it," said the Chamber. "Free trade and free competition is no longer possible under Japanese regulations. What is happening now in North China is similar to what has happened in Manchuria. A plan is gradually developing to oust Americans and their business in the same manner as in Manchuria."

The Chamber said that since 1937 the Japanese had imposed numerous trade monopolies, embargoes and restrictions in China, and that raw material purchases from the interior were only possible through Japanese monopolies. It added that export trade controls had forced Americans to curtail their business because they could not compete with Japanese exporters.

Threaten Doom

Import restrictions in North China threaten to doom automobile imports, as well as imports of American canned goods, cosmetics, photographic supplies, clothing, hosiery and numerous other items which are on the restricted list, the Chamber declared.

American carpet manufacturers in North China are closing their factories, "thus throwing thousands of Chinese workmen out of their jobs" because the Japanese do not allow the factories to obtain the necessary wool.

The Chamber added that lots of wool belonging to two American firms were seized by Japanese military authorities, who thus far had ignored a United States consular protest against the seizure.

Travel Restrictions

The Chamber also attacked Japanese travel restrictions, asserting that they were so strict that Americans TURN TO Back Page, Column 4.

Aircraft Over Eire

Unidentified

DUBLIN, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—Unidentified aircraft were sighted over Duncannon and Lochswilly coastal forts shortly after noon to-day, states the Eirean Department of Defence.

Anti-aircraft batteries opened fire and the aircraft flew to the north-east.

Later in the afternoon, a multi-engined military aircraft flew over Dublin and the eastern counties were A.A. artillery south of the capital opened fire and an interceptor patrol immediately took off but the intruder disappeared into thick clouds before she could be identified.

JAPANESE SEIZE U. S. GOODS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HANOI, Dec. 29 (UP).—It is reliably reported that Japanese, on Friday night, removed three truck-loads of American-owned goods—tyres belonging to the United States Trading Company, and wolfram and battery cases belonging to the North American Syndicate—from American godowns in Haiphong.

The Japanese assured the French authorities, who informed the owners after they had made inquiries, that the goods would be returned.

RUMANIAN SPIRITS UNBROKEN

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—Pamphlets against Nazi tyranny and re-affirming faith in democracy have been distributed in the streets of Bucharest—just one more sign of the growing hatred of the Rumanians against their German masters.

The pamphlets express undying faith in the Allied cause and state that only a British victory can free the oppressed peoples of Europe from the Nazi yoke.

England is invincible and, with America, will break the menace to peace under whose powers of despotism Europe is groaning to-day," says the pamphlet.

Roosevelt Talk

Millions Will Hear

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—Over 600 radio stations will transmit President Roosevelt's broadcast in America and a dozen short wave transmitters will carry the talk throughout the Western Hemisphere and into the Far East in many languages.

Urging President Roosevelt to give the country a strong lead for increased aid to Britain, the newspaper "Washington Post" says: "Britain should fight not with her back to the wall but with her back to American factories."

JAMAICAN CIGARS FOR LONDON

Jamaican cigars are expected to be seen in London shops in substantial quantities soon. They are intended to fill the gap in the market caused by the banning of Havana cigars at the beginning of the war, and owing to the lower duty, they will be slightly cheaper. The leaf has been greatly improved, and it is said that there is now no reason why Jamaica should not supply Britain with cigars of the quality and flavour of the best Cuban leaf.

LATEST

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Thailand And French Troops In Clashes

BANGKOK, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—"Local hostilities" between Thailand and French troops occurred on Saturday, according to a communique issued to-day by the Thai High Command.

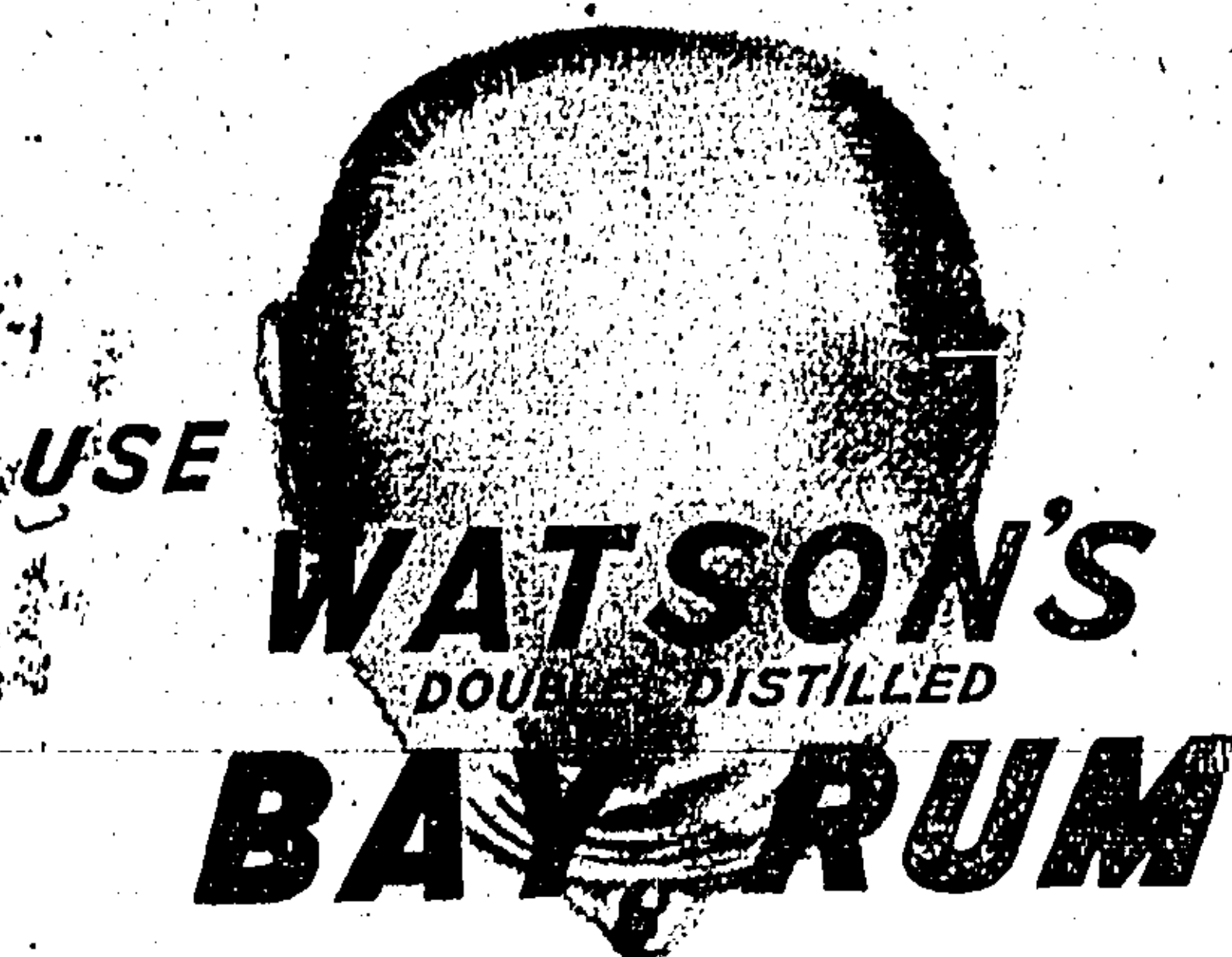
The French were routed and munitions were captured.

Artillery Duel

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BANGKOK, Dec. 29 (UP).—A communique states that clashes continued on all fronts, the latest being a 20 minute artillery duel in the Nongkhai sector beginning at 7.20 p.m. yesterday.

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DEATH

LARKEN.—On December 29, 1940, at 3 p.m., Jean, the beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Larken, aged 8 years. Cortège will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

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"A Victorious New Year"

TO-MORROW is New Year's Eve—eve of a year fraught with tremendous possibilities. It may well see eliminated from the world the cruel, avaricious despotism of dictatorship; this, at least is the hope and the New Year wish of that part of the universe whose faith in the rightfulness and righteousness of freedom and democracy remains unshaken.

But ere this total destruction of brutal totalitarianism is accomplished, there must be days of anguish and anxiety; it is inevitable. The enemy of our cause is still materially strong; and as he sees Nemesis overtaking him he will become desperate and more vindictive. Experts in military strategy appear to be convinced that Hitler must and will attempt an invasion of Britain; and the people of Britain are alive to the danger. They stand ready to meet and repulse any such threat. They are not boastful about their ability to defeat Hitler's final throw for the domination of Europe and a large part of the rest of the world, but their quiet determination is backed by confidence in their fighting men and material—confidence begot by experience; the experience of the great aerial victories in the opening stages of the battle of Britain.

It is Hongkong's destiny to watch this grim and stupendous struggle from afar; we can help with our money—and may it never be more lavishly given than in the new year of 1941—but it will be hard to avoid a feeling of helpless impotency as we continue daily to be spectators of a fight, the decision of which is to affect the future of mankind. We can, however, in thoughts and prayers, be with those who are near and dear in the terrible ordeal which they are suffering to-day and which still lies before them.

Let us, therefore, make this week's greetings a "Victorious

ISLANDERS DIDN'T SEE 'DARING COUP'

FOR hours after the Germans occupied Guernsey, few of the Guernseymen knew they were there.

Fred Hockey, the signaller at the end of St Peter Port harbour, who later escaped from Guernsey and was able to tell me this story of the German occupation, did not know that he had connected it.

They hurried to the northern tip of the island, where the cable runs to England, disconnected it, and warned the man in charge that if he touched the cable gear he would be severely punished.

On the morning of Sunday, June 30, he saw a German plane land somewhere in the south, and speedily he saw another plane dip, and that one did not rise.

All that evening he watched large, lumbering planes going back and forth from the coast of France, and all that night he heard the drone of their engines.

At that time Fred Hockey knew none of these things, though he guessed there was some dirty work going on.

Saw Nothing

But of Germans he saw nothing the following morning, and it was only afterwards that he learned how the invasion had taken place, so that he could tell it to me in detail.

This is what happened. At about half-past ten on that Sunday morning a German plane circled and landed on the Guernsey airport, which was deserted.

A German officer stepped from the plane, went into the operations room, unbuckled his revolver, and laid it on the table. He was there for about ten minutes, when a British plane came in sight from the direction of England.

The German officer ran so hastily to his own plane that he forgot to pick up his revolver, and took off again. The airport was silent.

At half-past two in the afternoon a German plane landed on the airport again, and this time three officers got out (one of them reclaiming his revolver from the table in the operations room).

They approached a solitary policeman standing near the airport, and asked him, in perfect English, to fetch the officials of the island.

No Resistance

The policeman telephoned the station, and soon the bailiff and the police inspector came down in the police car.

The German officers asked for the Guernsey papers, which were handed to them at the police station and the Royal Court.

New Year," for only by victory in the battle against Hitlerism can the world realise happiness and prosperity which, in normal times, are the sentiments extended at this season.

Within two hours they had taken charge of the island, although few Guernseymen knew they were there at all.

Those who did know real-ised it was hopeless to resist the man in charge that if he touched the cable gear he would be severely punished.

The officers went to the telephone exchange and disconnected it.

Then they took charge of the other cable at the south-eastern point, that leads to France.

At that time Fred Hockey knew none of these things, though he guessed there was some dirty work going on.

This is the second instalment of the first full description of the occupation of the Channel Islands by the Nazis, told by Fred Hockey, of St Peter Port, to

DUDLEY BARKER

"I was off duty for the afternoon," he said, "and I had just had dinner, and was going off with George, Harold and a friend to spend a few hours on the beach."

"That was when we saw the German plane drop down to the airport, and although we waited it did not rise again."

"We Sat Staring"

"There didn't seem anything we could do, so we just went on to the beach and sat there all the afternoon, wondering what it was all about."

"The boys didn't have the heart to go bathing. We just sat there, staring at the sea, and not talking very much."

"It seemed to make it worse that all this was happening in such perfect sunshine, and such a peaceful place."

"We went home for tea, and then I got on my bicycle to go to work at St Peter Port. All the people were standing by the doorsteps again, and some called to ask if I had any news, but I knew no more than they did."

"I cycled on into the town, and still I saw nothing unusual except that everything seemed quiet and nervy. There were no Germans to be seen."

"I went out to relieve my mate at the signal station, and he asked me what I thought of things now."

"Don't like the look of them," I said. "I believe that was a German plane that came down on the airport."

"He went off home, and I was left alone in the signal station. There was nothing to do. No body came near me. No ships came into the harbour."

Drone of Planes

"It was all deadly quiet, except for the drone of the big troop-carrying planes that started to come over about six o'clock and kept it up all night."

"At midnight one of the local policemen came to relieve me (one of the signallers had slipped away at the last moment in the pig-boat from Alderney).

FUNNY SIDE UP By Abner Dean



"You can never tell what the futuro holds in store for you... when I was a kid they said I was a born leader!"

"The policeman had no definite news either. He asked me what things were like, and I said, 'Very slack. Except for those planes going over, and I don't know quite what to make of that.'"

"The policeman said that all we could do now was hope for the best, and it was his belief the Germans had arrived."

"I got my bicycle and went home, and still there was nothing unusual to see. The island was very still, except for the sound of those planes and the sound of the sea."

"It was a lovely night. Everything was all right when I got home, so I just went to bed."

First Germans

"Next morning I went down to the sea wall at Bordeaux Bay, which was the usual meeting place for us villagers, and there were about a hundred people there, sitting on the wall, talking, looking out to sea."

"They knew I had been duty at the harbour, so they asked me for news—but I had none to give them."

"Then two German officers drove by in a car."

"They were the first we had seen, and we were too surprised to do anything but stare at them."

"They were eating some fruit, which they had bought that morning from Le Riche's shop in St Peter Port, paying in German marks. The car was a Guernsey car they had commandeered."

"They were driving alone, cool as you please, in the sunshine, towards Port Doyle. We stared at them, and they smiled at us, and saluted. Then they were gone."

"Nobody said anything, except that I muttered something about, 'There go the square-headed pigs.'"

"Well, that answered all our questions, the Germans were here all right, so the meeting on the seawall broke up and I went home to breakfast."

"While I was sitting at breakfast in my kitchen two more German soldiers went by, on German motor bikes that they must have brought with them in the planes. They didn't interfere with anybody."

Patrols. On Roads.

"By noon the place suddenly seemed to be full of Germans. By nightfall they were all in their positions, and the German patrols were out on the roads."

"And that's how the Germans occupied Guernsey. It made us laugh a bit, a day or two later, to read the German communique about it, which was printed in our newspapers."

The German communique said:

"The British island of Guernsey was captured in a daring coup de main by detachments of the German Air Force."

"In an air fight the German reconnaissance aeroplanes shot down two Bristol Blenheim bombers."

TO-MORROW: SWASTIKA, THE FIRST DAY.

The Mere Man

Growing Our Own Food

After the Great War of 1914-18, it was widely realised in Britain that there was need to make the country as self-sufficient as possible in the matter of food. Obviously, complete self-sufficiency, in insular territory with a large population, cannot be attained. Yet, there were important items in respect of which Britons could make themselves independent of outside supply. But there was more talk than action; and whilst, in many other countries, particularly in the totalitarian states, vast agricultural experiments and conservation schemes were seen, British people made no progress in this direction. The Briton, in a peaceful period, is not easily roused from his dislike of innovations, and it has remained for the present war to pull him from his lethargy.

But what has been accomplished already, by quickened effort with far-seeing direction from the Government's food experts, has been gratifying. The latest news is that tens of thousands of acres, which have lain waterlogged, will soon be under cultivation as a result of land-drainage schemes being pushed ahead in many parts of the country. Land which has been derelict for years will now "grow for victory."

So successful have agricultural plans in Britain become from the pooling of brains and energy that there is a temptation to ask ourselves if, here in Hongkong, we cannot do the same. Different geographical and economic factors naturally will require plans suited to our own particular problems and needs, but, if some concentrated effort is made, there is no reason why we should not be equally successful in our bid to make this Colony, if not self-sufficient, at least less dependent on other sources for some of our food.

With regard to vegetables, poultry and dairy goods, we have seen the enterprise of certain small local experiments achieve fruition. The conviction grows that Hongkong can be made to supply a good deal of its own food, and Government, to whom the matter must be of vital concern, should urgently consider the matter, from the point of view of economy as well as defence.

I understand that Government has already made some preliminary investigations into the subject, and that a report on the possibilities has been prepared.

Queer Football Game
I was interested the other day to read that in a football match in Europe all twenty-two players were ordered off the field by the referee. They were allowed to come back later to continue the game.

The report did not mention what action was taken, but I hope the referee stood the offenders in the corners of the changing-rooms until they felt ashamed of themselves.

A friend of mine tells me that the queerest game of football he ever saw was in Turkey. There were about forty thousand people on each side, no goal-posts, and, as far as he could judge, no ball.

Claudius

New Synthetic Fuel Formula Perfected

By J. Robert Shubert

United Press Staff Correspondent

PITTSBURGH Dec. 28 (UP).—In a dimly-lighted laboratory of Carnegie Institute, a chemist is developing synthetic power to turn the wheels of industry when nature's coal and oil resources have been exhausted.

The chemist, Dr Ernst Berl, fled from Germany in 1932. He began his studies of the formation of coal and oil deposits 13 years ago.

Dr Berl now claims to have solved the process by which nature produced and stored away fuel reserves. In his laboratory, he is prepared to change a handkerchief into high-grade coal, molasses into anti-knock gasoline.

Through the process he has developed, Dr Berl said, the way is open to manufacture fuel from common carbohydrates, such as cellulose and sugars of corn, sea weed, algae, molasses and cotton. He believes some day man can cease to draw upon dwindling oil supplies and turn to the farmer's products for lubrication and power.

Present Reserves. While present coal reserves may last 3,000 years, Dr Berl said, this nation's supply of "easy to get" oil may be exhausted in 50 years.

"Our children will have to do something with this problem," he said. "Let's be extremely careful of our resources; let's be liberal with our farm products."

As long as oil is available at \$1 a barrel, he admitted, "no synthetic process can compete with nature."

But in countries without natural oil, he predicted, his process may be used in "the not so distant future," and in other countries when reserves fail.

Re-Plotted Processes. Dr Berl's researches started in Germany when he abandoned the accepted theory that natural coal and oil were a derivative of lignin, or lignite, and set out to re-plot the processes of nature.

His research, he said, showed coal and oil were derivatives of cellulose, rather than lignin and that the formation of asphalt was an intermediate step in the process, rather than a product of oil.

With this mystery solved, Dr Berl began to reproduce the process in his test tubes. The result was synthetic coal and oil, which, Dr Berl stated, have the same properties as the natural materials.

"Nature had, let us say, 400,000,000 years to produce these materials," the scientist, now a naturalized citizen, said. "With higher temperatures and higher pressures now we can produce them in an hour."

His method, he added, is "very easy."

Carbohydrates, such as produced in vegetation, are combined with limestone, or dolomite, and heated under pressure until converted into a dark, tar-like substance, which Dr Berl has named "proto-product."

Under further internal combustion, the substance is converted into asphalt. The asphalt, in turn, is converted into coal and oil by "cracking" or

hydrogenation. The final product can be changed from coal to oil by varying the amount of limestone used.

Has Costs Charted. The cost of producing gasoline from common carbohydrates, according to Dr Berl, would be four times the cost of distilling it from natural oil at the present time. Further improvement of the process will reduce the ratio to about three to one, he said.

Production of gasoline by the new method, however, would be cheaper than by the hydrogenation of coal, as is being done in Germany at the present time, and costs approximately the same as distillation from oil-bearing shale. The abundance of carbohydrates available for conversion into oil by the new method, however, gives it an advantage over existing methods, he said.

Sing Tao Win Decisively

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far back. There was more than a semblance of understanding amongst them, but they found in Sing Tao's defence their masters of the occasion. Chin Chi-fun made a very good leader.

It was not long after the kick off that the superiority of Sing Tao's play was in evidence, for after Lee Kwok-kee saved from Lal Shui-wing, and with play transferred to midfield, a barrage of shots was kept up, and pressure was only relieved by Fung King-cheung shooting over. Play was chiefly centred in Kwong Wah's half, and from a through pass by Ip Pak-wah, Lal Shui-wing went through on his own to score with a rising shot. The keeper there was only one team in the picture, and from one of their occasional raids, Chin Chi-fun had bad luck to see his first time shot striking the upright with Cheong Wing-choy beaten. At the other end, Lal missed an open goal.

Towards the end of the first half, Tang Kwong-sum increased the lead following upon a close passing movement between himself, Fung King-cheung and Lal Shui-wing which culminated in his cutting in to score from close in.

Listless Football

After the lemon, play became listless, as Sing Tao dominated the whole of the exchanges. Kwong Wah's passes were invariably intercepted in midfield, and with Sing Tao's intermediate-trio keeping a wary eye on them, Cheong Wing-choy had very little to do, although he was tested on several occasions by Cheuk Shek-kam, Chin Chi-fun and Lau Fook-chuen from well outside the area.

It was only a matter of goals, and from an incessant attack, Fung King-cheung scored after a close passing bout, to be followed soon after by the Shui-wing's header from a pass by Xue Shui-wick. Sing Tao were decidedly in the ascendancy in this period, and only the stout clearances and first time tackling saved Kwong Wah from a heavier defeat.

SING TAO: Cheong Wing-choy; Hou Yung-sang; Lee Tin-sang; Tsui Ah-fai; Soong Ling-sing; Luk Tai-hung; Tang Kwong-sum; Fung King-cheung; Lal Shui-wing; Ip Pak-wah; Yeung Shui-yick.

KWONG WAH: Lee Kwok-kee; Leung Pak-wah; Chung Fui-tum; Cheung Shui-fai; Chung Kim-fai; Yeung Chi-cheung; Cheuk Shek-kam; Tin Yung-fai; Chin Chi-fun; Lau Fook-chuen; Wong King-cheung.

SHOT-BY RUMOUR

--Case Of Charlie Kunz, Pianist

CHARLIE KUNZ, famous dance-tune pianist, is still at liberty.

That fact is news because rumour-mongers have sent him to jail for ten years, deported him and even had him shot.

The story going round, a palpably absurd one, is that Charlie has been tapping out Morse messages to the enemy on his piano during broadcasts.

Spy Rumours

Spy rumours about Charlie started in London, and circulated to many parts of the country.

No one knows who started them. The pianist was away from London on a long tour when they began.

"These rumours are silly, but none the less embarrassing," said Kunz to a reporter.

Charlie, now playing in Liverpool, is an American who has lived and worked in Britain for 20 years.



BRAZILIAN DEFENDERS—First practical test of defence against potential attack by non-American powers was staged in Southern Brazil, as 40,000 motorised troops, supported by tanks, artillery and air force, fought the "Battle of Rio Janeiro." The theme of the battle was that the enemy landed at Santos and occupied Serro Do Mar mountains. The defenders gradually retired into the Parahiba river valley, defending the capital against invasion. Top panel, Brazilian soldiers on the march. Left, close-up of defender. Right, rear view shows some of the equipment of Brazilian infantryman.

DISCOVERY RAISES CANCER CURE HOPES

BERKELEY, Cal., Nov. 8 (UP).—A new field of therapy for heretofore baffling diseases is being developed at the University of California through therapeutic possibilities of the 200-ton atom-smashing cyclotron of Dr Ernest O. Lawrence.

A report on various lines of research, some of which have been in progress for four years, has just been made public. Two lines of therapy which the cyclotron has created are:

Radiation by neutrons which the cyclotron creates into diseased tissues instead of the present use of X-rays and radium.

Injection into the system of chemicals and other substances that have been made radioactive by the cyclotron and which permit their being traced throughout their course in the body, their final point of absorption and the checking of effects they produce.

In addition, the cyclotron has permitted the discovery of a heretofore unknown element, which is now designated as Element No. 85 and which has already shown marked therapeutic possibilities.

All experiments to date have been conducted on animals to begin with, and only on human beings after their effects and harmlessness have been fully established.

Great Success

The report shows that greatest success with the new therapy has been in the treatment of cancer and tumours.

Neutron radiation has been used on 75 patients with cancers that have resisted other forms of treatment. Each patient receives treatment directly from the cyclotron for 10 minutes three times a week over four to six weeks.

Patients are then kept under observation and a check made on the results obtained. It has been established that the new radiation acts similarly to that of the X-ray with the neutrons penetrating deeper than the X-rays.

Further Experiments

The success has encouraged the Advisory Council of the National Cancer Institute to support financially the continuation of the experiments.

The next greatest success of the cyclotron therapy has been in the treatment of leukemia with fruit juice cocktails in which the "kick" consists of radioactive phosphorus which the cyclotron creates.

Leukemia is a blood disease, which heretofore has been regarded as incurable. The experiments have demonstrated that the new treatment has retarded the disease and gives promise of a possible cure.

Of the 10 persons treated during the past two years, five have died. Three of these were moribund at the time treatment started.

The remaining 11 continue to respond favourably and scientists noted that their lives have been saved for the time being. It remains to be established that the treatment will eventually become a cure.

Use of Iodine

The cyclotron has also permitted new progress in use of iodine for

treatment of goitre and for checking metabolism that is governed largely by presence of iodine secretion in the thyroid gland.

By making the iodine radio-active with the cyclotron process, the course of the iodine through the body can be checked, its final resting place established, and also the degree and length of its absorption into the system.

It has been established that New Element 85 is stored in thyroid gland and acts very much like iodine. It is believed it will react in the human system, in much the same way as iodine.

Strengthens Bones

A new field of therapy for promoting teeth and bone strength has been opened up by the discovery that injection into the system of radioactive strontium makes radioactivity of bones 100 times greater than that of the tissues. Strontium, it was found, reacts similarly to calcium, which is the chief building material for bones and teeth. Experiments have been conducted only on animals.

The cyclotron has also thrown new light on the manner in which rats and other animals may continue to live for an indefinite period of time, after their adrenal glands have been removed, by feeding them with an optimal amount of salt.

Use of radio-activated salt made by the cyclotron has established the manner in which the salt corrects and cures normal the rate of excretion of sodium and potassium in animals which is changed when the adrenals are removed.

Future Hopes

These findings, the report states, have been helpful in treatment of Addison's disease, which is caused by derangement of the endocrine glands.

This new therapy, university authorities state, is expected to assume more important proportions with completion of the Berkeley campus of a new \$1,500,000 cyclotron that will be 20 times larger than the present one.

This has been made possible by a \$1,500,000 donation from the Rockefeller Foundation.

Medical Corps Lead Military Billiards League

Following are the results of matches in the Garrison Billiards League played from December 18 to December 20:

Royal Scots beat Ordnance Corps 1-0.

Royal Scots beat Royal Army Pay Corps 5-2.

Ordnance Corps lost to Royal Scots 0-7.

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

R.A.M.C.	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Royal Scots	14	10	0	28
R.A.S.C.	11	7	4	22
C.E.	10	4	6	20
Royal Signals	9	6	3	18
R.A.P.C.	11	3	6	22
6th A.C. Regt H.A.	0	0	17	0
R.A.O.C.	11	3	6	22
12th H. Regt H.A.	0	0	17	0

In the second round of the Soldiers' Club Tournament, Service Corps defeated the Volunteers by 1,173 points to 1,511.

Kowloon Inter-School Miniature Soccer

The Kowloon Inter-School Small Boys' Miniature Soccer League, just concluded, has been won by the National English College, with Wah Yan College as runners-up.

The trophies of the League will be presented by Mr D. P. Lai at the McPherson Playground, Homantin, at 3:30 p.m. today.

Following are the final standings in the League:

National English College	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Wah Yan College	8	7	1	0	15
Man Sang College	0	0	1	13	0
Ming Sang School	0	0	1	13	0
Tak Ming Middle School	0	3	2	12	6
Nam Ho Middle School	0	2	2	12	4
Mun Far Middle School	0	2	1	6	4
Kowloon English School	0	2	0	7	4
The Primary School (of Canton University)	0	1	2	6	2
Wah Nam Middle School	0	0	0	6	0

Honeywell Scores 63 For H.M.S. Tamar

H.M.S. TAMAR beat Royal Engineers by 24 runs in a cricket match at King's Park yesterday. Feature of the match was an excellent innings of 63 for Honeywell which enabled Tamar to declare at 140 for 8 wickets.

Middle batsman of the Snappers contributed steadily, but fell 24 runs short of their opponents' total.

Scores: H.M.S. Tamar—140 for 8 dec. (Honeywell 63, Ldg. Tel. West 32).

R. Engineers—128 (Shaw 28, Goss 20 not out. West 4 for 50, Allison 3 for 48, Morgan 2 for 7).

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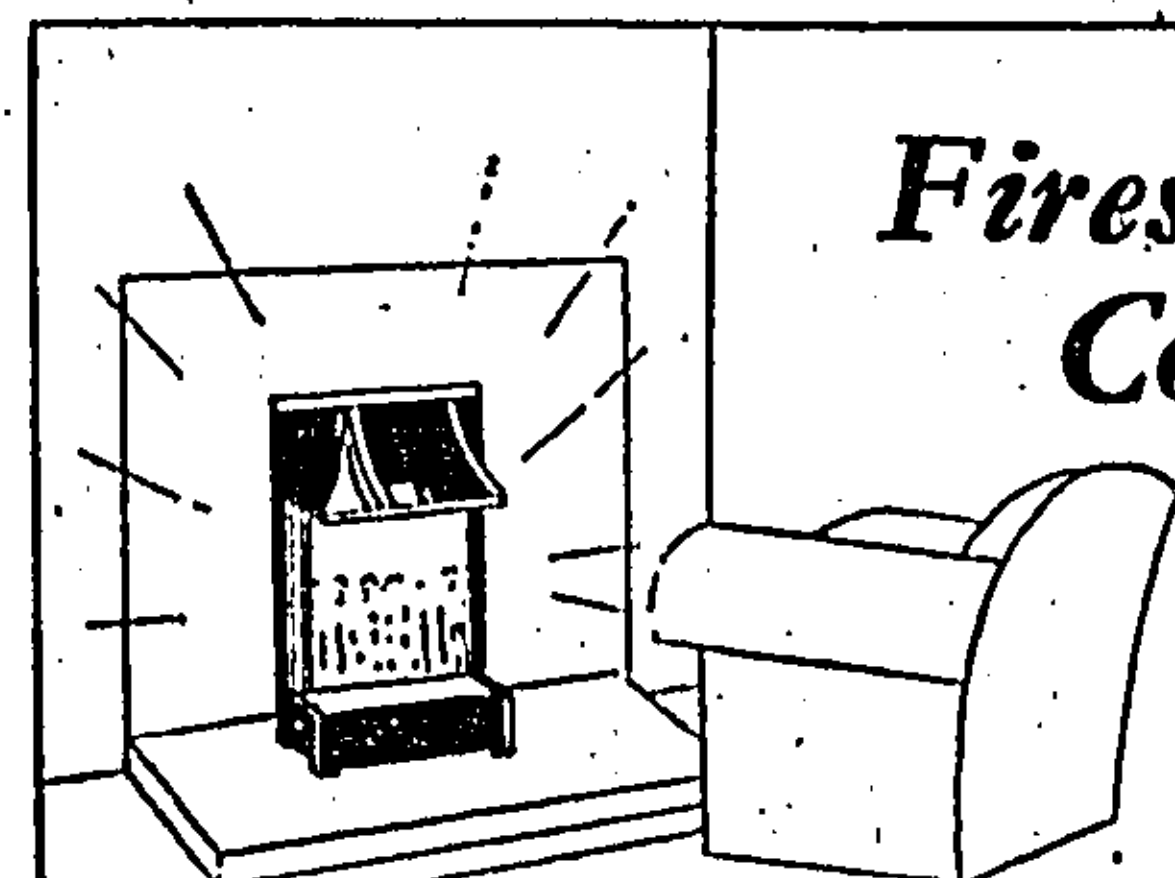


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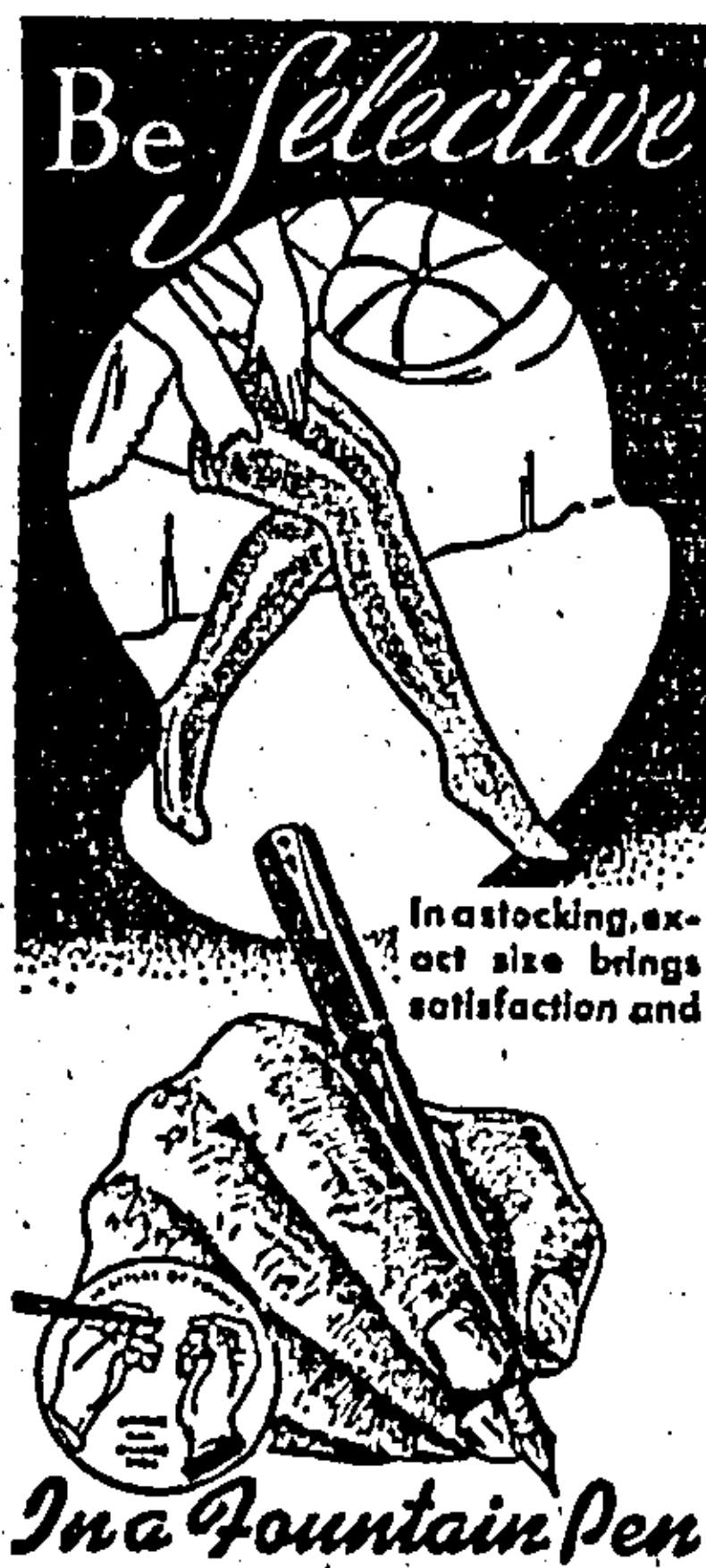
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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

Decisive Win For Sing Tao Rousing Display By Navy

Superior All-Round For Kwong Wah Proves Too Much Combination

(By "SCRAMBLER")

WITH AN ALL ROUND superior combination and understanding, Sing Tao were able to inflict a four-nil defeat on Kwong Wah yesterday in the first division of the Football league at Club ground. There was never any doubt as to the ultimate result of the game from the start, for Sing Tao went right off to work with their methodical team work of passing and combination.

MASTERFUL DEFENDERS

The defence of Sing Tao had from the beginning the mastery of the situation, for during the whole of the game, Kwong Wah's attackers were unable to penetrate the pair of Sing Tao's strong backs, and Cheong Wing-choy had less than a dozen shots to deal with in the course of the whole game.

Whereas the Sing Tao mixed their play with short and long passes, Kwong Wah maintained the short passing game, and every one of their passes went astray or found an opponent in possession of same. It was just that bit of superior tactic on the part of Sing Tao that lost the game for their opponents, for they have not for a long time found this harmonic understanding.

In goal, Cheong Wing-choy had very little to do, and all his saves were from well outside the penalty area, and he dealt capably with them. The pair of backs, Hou Yung-sang and Lee Tin-sang cleared and kicked cleanly, and were at no time troubled. They covered their front men well, and their positional play had the attacks well frustrated.

The intermediate trio of Taut Ah-fai, Soong Ling-sing and Luk Tat-hung were masters in midfield play, and despite the ever presence of the two wingers with their dashes down the line, they were there to do what was required of them. Soong Ling-sing in particular was a great strategist, his coverings of the inside trio was excellent. He played a very useful game, combining defence with attack.

Good Forwards

It has been a long time since I have seen the nice precise movements of the Sing Tao's forwards in action, for on yesterday's play, they combined well to a "T". There was never a weak link amongst them, and in Pak-wah's forcing of the ball and his distribution to his men were an object lesson to watch.

Fung King-cheung and Lai Shu-wing did their share of the work, and assisted well in their attack. Fung King-cheung has lost none of his clever footwork and leadership. The two wingers did as were required, and both were responsible for the goals scored.

Of Kwong Wah's team, they went about their work half heartedly. Only for the first ten minutes of the game were they able to hold the happy Sing Tao forwards, and thereafter, it was just a question of keeping them out. Their positional play left much to be desired, and understanding between the backs and intermediate trio was sadly lacking at times.

Lee Kwok-kee had no chance with the goals that were scored against him, and on the whole, performed creditably. His pair of backs, although they kicked and cleared quite well on occasions were never really steady, their markings of the opposition were very much at fault, although it must be admitted that they were up against a much faster and brainer team. Leung Pak-wai was the better of the two.

Weak Link

The half back trio were never able to settle down, their passes often missed its mark and more often than not found their opponents in possession of same. This was the weak link in their team, and the wingers of Sing Tao had plenty of room to move about.

In the front line, both wingers when in possession of the ball, sent across good centres, and on several occasions these centres went begging due to the inside trio remaining too

Golf

F. Groves Wins Fanling Championship

In the final of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club's Championship at Fanling on Sunday, F. Groves beat Col. H. B. Rose by 2 and 1 after being 2 up at the 18th. The golf was of only moderate standard but the match was close and interesting.

Country Club Junior Semi-Finals

SEMI-FINALS of the Junior Championship of the Country Club, Sheungshui, were played yesterday. W. C. Hung beat M. F. Pina 1 up. A. R. Pina beat R. E. Lee 5 and 4. WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP First round matches in the women's championship were: Miss M. C. Churn beat Mrs. Oel. Mrs. F. E. A. Remedios beat Miss M. B. Churn. Miss A. Sequeira beat Mrs. B. Botelho. Miss Oel beat Miss C. Maxwell.

Kowloon B. G. C. "At Home" And Closing Day

Chinese R.C. Entertain Visitors

An "At Home" was held at the Chinese Recreation Club, Causeway Bay, yesterday, when a large number of members participated in an American mixed doubles tennis tournament. The prizes won during the past season were distributed at the end of the afternoon by the Hon. Mr. H. K. Lo, after the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Wong Kwok-fong, had briefly reviewed the season's activities. The following were the prize-winners:

Club singles championships—Winner, Taut Ah-fai; Runner-up, Taut Yan-pui. Club doubles championships—Winners, Paul Kong and Taut Yan-pui; Runners-up, Taut Ah-fai and Lee Cheung Sang. Club handicap singles—Winner, Ho Ka-lau; Runner-up, Wai Chun-tung. Club handicap doubles—Winners, Ma Shiu-leung and Chan Tak-chan; Runners-up, Lee Wai-long and Cheung Sang. Club junior singles championship—Winner, Cheung Sang; Runner-up, Chiu Pong-hang.

Divisional Winners (Colony Tennis League)—Messrs Paul Kong (Capt), Taut Ah-fai, Taut Yan-pui, Lu Tak-cheuk, Lee Wai-long, Willie Hung, Luk Ding-cheung, Leung Pui-chai, Cheung Sang, Cheng Chi-wing and Lu Tak-lam.

Divisional Winners (Colony Tennis League)—Messrs Ho Ka-lau (Capt), Ng Kam-chuen, Choi Ping-fan, Luk Tsun-cheung, Leung Pui-chai, Cheung Sang, Cheng Chi-wing and Lu Tak-lam.

Divisional Winners (Colony Tennis League)—Messrs Ho Ka-lau (Capt), Lau Fook-ki, Chu Chun-chiu, Wei Chun-tung, Ma Wai-kwong, Lam Yuk-yung, Yew Man-wing, Ma Shiu-leung and Hon Luen-tung.

American Tournament—Winners, Miss Young, Wai-sun and Lam Yuk-yung (Capt); Winners (B Section), The Chan-yau and Pang O-lam; Winners (C Section), Lee Yu-wing and Lui Chuen-wan.

Baseballers Trounce Saints

H.K. BASEBALLERS lifted their supporters from their seats with a smashing 10-3 victory over St. Joseph's during the week-end Softball League encounters. But closest win was that of the Cyclones, over Canucks by 4-3. Cyclones trailed 2-3 until the last frame when they romped home with the two winners.

Scores in brief were: Giants, Panthers 20, Los Floridians 8. Wabos 15, Cardinals 5. Ramblers 23, Chung Hwa 13. First Division, Hongkong Baseballers 10, St. Joseph's 3. Cyclones 4, Canucks 3. Indians 14, Philippines 6. Second Division, Cosmopolitans 17, Engineers 4.

DRIBBLING DOWN THE WING



Bowden (Navy) dribbling the ball down the wing in the Navy-Army Quadrangular Rugby match at Happy Valley on Saturday. O'Riordan (Navy) is covering up behind. Ming Yuen.

Athletics

10,000 Metres Record Broken At S. China Meet

A NEW RECORD for the 10,000 metres race, open to the Colony, was established by Lee Yuk-fung at the annual athletic meet of the South China Athletic Association at Caroline Hill yesterday. Lee's new time was 38 minutes 7 seconds, against the old time of 39 minutes 31.6 seconds.

Seventeen competitors took the field in this event and the majority finished the course. Cpl P. Manson (Royal Scots), well-known as a long distance runner, dropped out of the race after completing 17 of the 25 rounds of the course. Signalman A. Lewis (Royal Corps of Signals) was second, approximately 300 metres behind the winner, and Lam Kin-fun was third.

The highlight of the meet was the 400 metres relay open to the Colony, in which Ling Nam University took first place with a time of 48 seconds, followed by South China and Wah Yan College in that order. South China, which had won the relay in the last two years, was tipped to win again this year, but the unexpected performance put up by the Ling Nam foursome turned the tables.

At the conclusion of the meet, Mr. Fok Po-chai, Director of the Bank of Canton, presented the prizes.

Results

Following were the results: 100 metres—1, Yu Kai-yun; 2, Sin Kwok-pun. Time, 12 sec. 400 metres—1, Chung Chau; 2, Sin Kwok-pun; 3, Chung Kat-pui. Time, 52.2 sec. 100 metres High hurdles—1, Wong Kai-lin; 2, Lui Kwai-chiu; 3, Chu Fook-shing. Time, 19.2 sec. Javelin Throw—1, Tam Hoi-chuen; 2, Lau Fook-sing; 3, Tsang Kwan-ming. Distance—1, Wang Ki-lin; 2, Chu Fook-sing; 3, Kwan Chu-pui. Height, 9 ft. 3 in. 200 metres—1, Cheung Chau; 2, Sin Kwok-pun; 3, Loong Kai-ming. Time, 25.1 sec. Discus Throw—1, Yee Kai-yun; 2, Chi Fook-sing; 3, 24.8 metres. Shot Put—1, Wang Ki-lin; 2, Chi Fook-sing; 3, Chang Kwan-ming. Distance, 5.8 metres. 1,500 metres—1, Chan Chau-wai; 2, Li Pun-yan; 3, Lum Kin-fung. Time, 5 mins 2 sec. 500 metres—1, Li Pun-yan; 2, Chan Chau-wai; 3, Lau Shun-chi. Time, 2 mins 22.5 sec. 400 metres low hurdles—1, Leung Kai-ming; 2, Wong Shu-chuen; 3, Tsang Kwan-ming. Time, 58.4 sec. High Jump—1, Tsang Choi-shun; 2, Fong Chi-hung; 3, Tsang Kwan-ming. Height, 1.64 metres. 110 yds. Steeple Chase—1, Wong Ki-lin; 2, Cheung Tung-hoi. Distance, 10.84 metres. 1,000 metres Open Relay—1, South China; 2, Wah Yan College; 3, Ling Nam. Time, 3 mins 58 sec. 400 metres open relay (ladies)—1, French Convent; 2, South China. Time, 32.5 sec. 800 metres open relay—1, Ling Nam University; 2, South China; 3, Wah Yan. Time, 10.00 sec. 10,000 metres open to the Colony—1, Lee Yuk-fung; 2, Sig. A. Lewis; 3, Lam Kin-fun. Time, 38 mins 7 sec. (record).

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Army Defeated 11-0 In Quadrangular Rugby Tournament

(By "Fly-half")

A ROUSING DISPLAY by Navy forwards backed up by sound defence behind the scrum, where Paul and Honeywell were prominent gave Navy victory over Army by 11 points (a goal and two tries) to nil in the Quadrangular Rugby Tournament at Club ground on Saturday.

As in their game against Club a week ago, Navy pack obtained no advantage from the set scrums or lineouts, in which departments Ford and Millar shone respectively for Army. But in the loose, Navy did a lot of attacking although they marred it on many an occasion when a heel was called for.

Army backs were given chances but lacked thrust to get through the solid defence of Paul and Honeywell. Hook was not on form. The Army forwards were hard workers, and were unfortunate not to score on a few occasions.

Moranhan was not worried to any extent and performed his task in workmanlike fashion. The whole Navy three-line tackled hard and went determinedly for the line when in possession. Paul was the key man with Honeywell doing some clever work as well.

Unselfish Game

O'Riordan played an unselfish game and gave his three plenty of the ball. Rutherford gave a good long service from the scrum and seems to have a very good understanding with O'Riordan, King and Poole did not work in March and did not deal with the kicks ahead in any too confident a manner and his touch kicking was not very good. Richards had to do his own foraging generally and was seen more often in defence than attack.

Neither Douglas nor Coombes had the speed nor power to round Honeywell and Paul respectively. Hook was slow at stand-off half and gave his three very little time to get off their mark before the opposition was upon them. Wedderburn passed well and kept well up on the ball in the loose.

Millar, Pinkerton and Gillan shone in the Army pack.

The Game

ARMY made most of the going at the beginning, and only bad handling spoiled scoring chances. Navy, relying on the punt and follow-up, made some dangerous raids.

Paul, following up a kick by Honeywell, caught the ball on a lucky bounce, after Pickett had felled short in his kick, and dodged past several Army men to score at the corner. Ford charged down King's kick.

A breakdown in an Army passing movement gave Bowden an opportunity to carry on with the ball at his feet. Paul, following up, picked up and dashed over to score his second try. King failed to convert. In the second half, a neat cut-through by Honeywell saw the same player race over and score at the posts. Paul converted.

The teams were: Navy—Morahan, McGill, Honeywell, Paul and Bowden; O'Riordan and Rutherford; Manfield, Watson (Capt), Winter, King, Stockham; Longmuir, Beattie and Poole.

Weak Police XV Trowned By Club

CLUB repeated their previous performance by winning by a large margin against Police. In a mid-week game against E.A.M.C., three Police players were injured and the greatly depleted team on Saturday bowed to the tune of 6 points (two penalty goals) to 25 (two goals and five tries).

Police appear to have found a splendid kicker in Rose, who kicked two glorious penalty tries. Cullinan was a distinct failure at full-back. Reynolds and Howlett were the only Police backs to impress. The latter needs more practice to make his moves automatic. Morrison worked hard at the base of the scrum. Police missed Dempsey in the lineouts.

Club three were poor in teamwork, and only scored individually. Charter and Thomson were a dangerous combination. Burford hooked well and the forwards to catch the eye were Heaman, until he left the field with a split lip, and Macrae.

Club scored tries through Charter, Boanquet (2), Godfrey (2), Stewart and Thomson. Burford and Charter converted one try each.

The teams were: Club—Thompson, Boanquet, Morgan, D. Hines and Stewart; Charter and Thomson; Macrae, Burford, Heaman; Waldeen, Neacham, Godfrey, Taylor (Capt) and Kennedy. Police—Cullinan (Capt); Reynolds, Howlett, Innes and Dingdale; Jackson and Morrison; Rose, Lewis, Senior, Jenner, Oakley; Wright, North, Hogarth and Howlett.

TOURNAMENT TABLE

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Navy	5	4	1	0	11
Army	4	1	2	2	3
Police	4	0	0	4	0

Don Bradman Tries Bowling

Adelaide, Dec. 28. Lieut. Don Bradman, on leave from the Army, bowled the first ball when playing for South Australia against Victoria to-day.

South Australia scored 191 and 421 while Victoria 172 and 253. South Australia winning by 175 runs—Hewitt.

Army—Pickett; Richards, Coombes, Douglas and Macdonald; Hook (Capt), and Wedderburn; Butler, Ford, Bompa; Millar, Berry; Duke, Pinkerton and Gillan.



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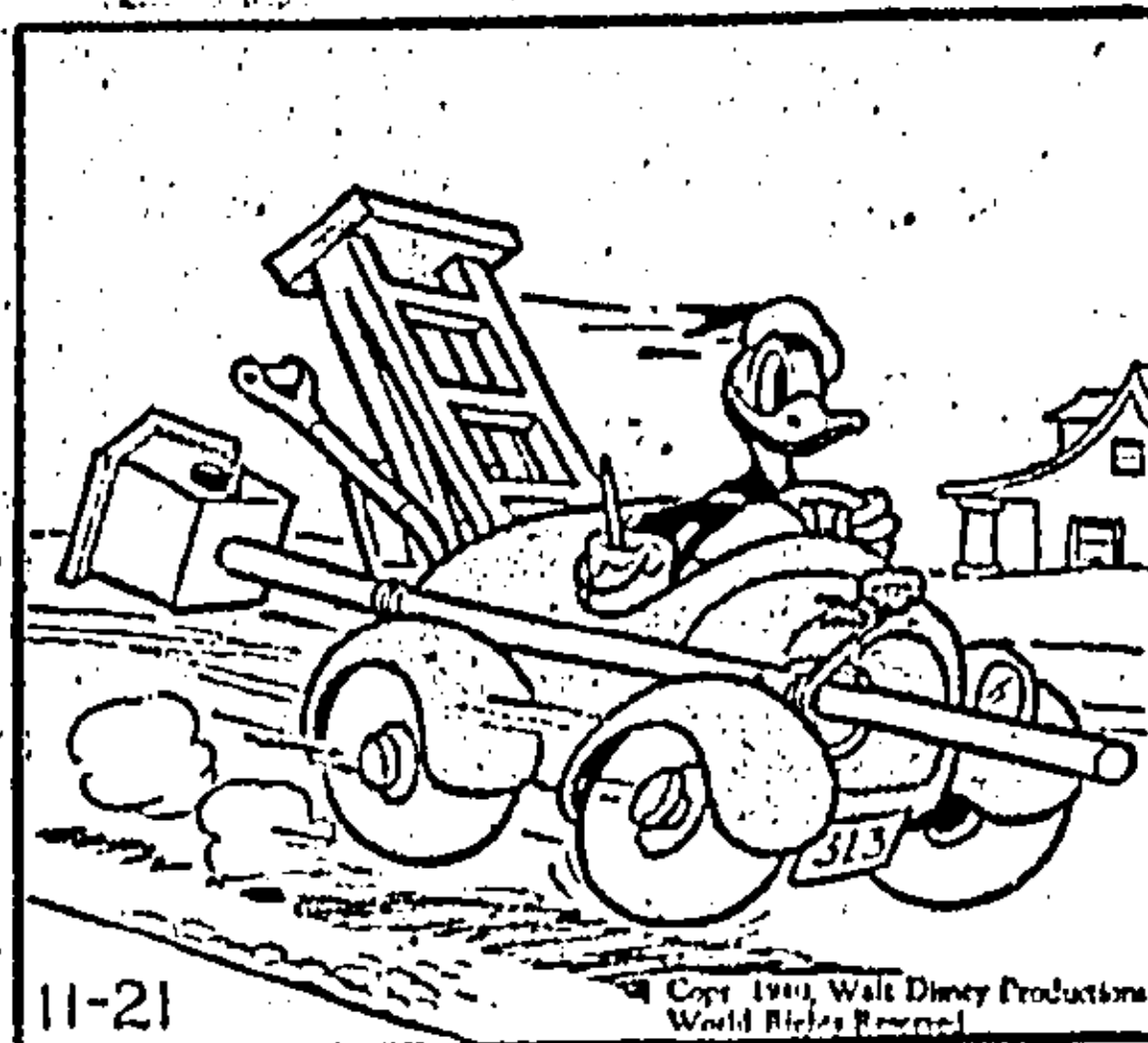
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Chain Letters Defeat Nazi News Suppression

NAZI interlopers are having a distinctly uncomfortable time in Norway and Denmark. They face in both countries a total lack of appreciation of the blessings of German protection.

This is made abundantly clear by reports reaching New York from many sources.

Among the blessings in question are rigid censorship, even of the telephones, and the arrival of more and more Gestapo men.

Then there is food and fuel rationing, while taxes are at a crushing level and education is hindered by the seizure of schools for barracks.

Oil Stocks Plundered

Oil stocks, raw materials and food-stuffs are being plundered, and industry, hitherto flourishing, stagnates. There is in Norway an unlimited supply of new paper money, presumably made in Germany (with a soaring cost of living as a corollary).

Denmark in particular has also to face ruin of the world's most highly-developed agricultural system.

With the Press entirely under the thumb of Goebbels's propaganda machine, chain letters are a favourite method of disseminating news and anti-Nazi feeling.

German troops are described as bewildered and shocked at the lack of friendliness shown by their "racial kinsfolk."

Norwegians and Danes alike refuse to be seen in public places where Germans are present. Whenever a Nazi enters a restaurant, natives ostentatiously leave.

Outside Convention

Asked for directions, a Scandinavian's usual reply is: "I'm sorry, but the Hague Convention does not require me to direct the invader."

German bands, playing carefully learned Scandinavian folk-songs, perform in empty parks.

Spying for Britain is widespread. Details of new fortifications, every troop movement and location of new airports always find their way to Britain.

Isle Of Dogs Preferred To Mayfair

Miss Ellen Wilkinson, the new Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Home Security, speaking to the National Council of Women in London recently on shelter problems, said:—

"We have large houses in Mayfair—whole strings of them, in fact—but you cannot persuade people to go from the Isle of Dogs to live in Eaton Square. I said to one woman with a large family who had been bombed out of her home, 'Look here, we can provide you with a flat in Eaton Square,' and she replied, 'Well, Miss, whatever would I do with a flat in Eaton Square. Where do you think I should do my shopping?'"

Other points made by Miss Wilkinson were:—People with Anderson shelters must use them or surrender them; 2,000,000 people are having to sleep outside their own homes; strong partitioning walls in shelters increase safety and the problem of sanitation is being solved very rapidly; the numbered bunk system seems to be a good method of dispersing people and getting them into smaller and more ordered groups; the question of deep shelters is now under active consideration.

Wife Would Not Take His Cheque

A HUSBAND'S right to pay his wife's alimony by cheque was challenged at Clerkenwell County Court recently.

Mrs Vera Dorothy Lillian Dilleigh, of Robert Adam-street, W.C., sued her husband, Leslie George Dilleigh, for £12 12s. due to her.

The defence was that the money had been tendered by cheque, that Mrs Dilleigh's solicitors had insisted on payment by cash within three days, and, when it was not paid, brought the action.

"Vexatious"

It was pleaded that the action was "frivolous and vexatious and an abuse of the uses of the court."

"Either," said Mr Clifford, the husband's solicitor, "the wife is being spiteful, or her solicitors are trying to emulate the example set by Messrs Dodson and Fog" (the solicitors in "Pickwick Papers").

Mr W. J. Shaw, for the wife, said this was frankly a case of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." The husband and his solicitors had put the wife to every possible trouble.

Unreasonable

He (Mr Shaw) had intimated that he would give a receipt only for payment in cash at his office. His client should not be asked to pay postage on the receipt.

Judge Earengay found that a cheque was not legal tender. At the same time, an ordinary business man would have accepted it. He must, therefore, regard the raising of the action as unreasonable.

The £12 12s. which had been paid into court would be paid out to the wife, and there would be no costs for either party.

"Plaintiff rightly said," added the judge, "that she could not be required to pay postage on the receipt."

CANADIANS MAY TRAIN IN U.S. AIRPORTS

The United States Civil Aeronautics Board announces that the use of a municipal airport in Florida and another in Texas is being arranged for the training of Canadian flying cadets when snow slows down aviation activity in the Dominion.

Arrangements are being made through the Mayor of New York, Mr La Guardia, Dallas, Texas, and Jacksonville, Florida, have already offered facilities.

A Norwegian Air Corps, formed of pilots who eluded the vigilance of the Gestapo and escaped from Norway, is now in training in Toronto. Swelled by Norwegian volunteers in Canada and the United States, the numbers are expected to reach 600. By the spring it is hoped to help in the air battle of Britain.

Floating Home For Seavacuees

Instead of being converted into a troop transport, the liner Queen Elizabeth will be used as a home for British refugee children, it is reported.

If the plan is adopted the liner would be moved from New York to a Canadian port or a less busy port along the American coast.

Several hundred men have been working on the interior for the past two weeks.

The Queen Elizabeth, built for 2,400 passengers, has fourteen decks, a cinema, theatre, electric lifts, hot and cold water in every cabin, swimming pools, gymnasiums, sun decks, and winter gardens.

More London Firemen Go For Seaside Rest

A second party of London auxiliary firemen, numbering 40—this time from the City, West End and East End stations—has gone to Bournemouth and is doing duty with the Bournemouth A.F.S. to secure a break from the strenuous work they have been doing in London.

In exchange, 40 Bournemouth auxiliary firemen are in the capital working with their London colleagues and gaining valuable experience.

When London firemen were entertained by the Mayor of Bournemouth it was stated that the resort's example of exchanging firemen was likely to be followed by other towns.

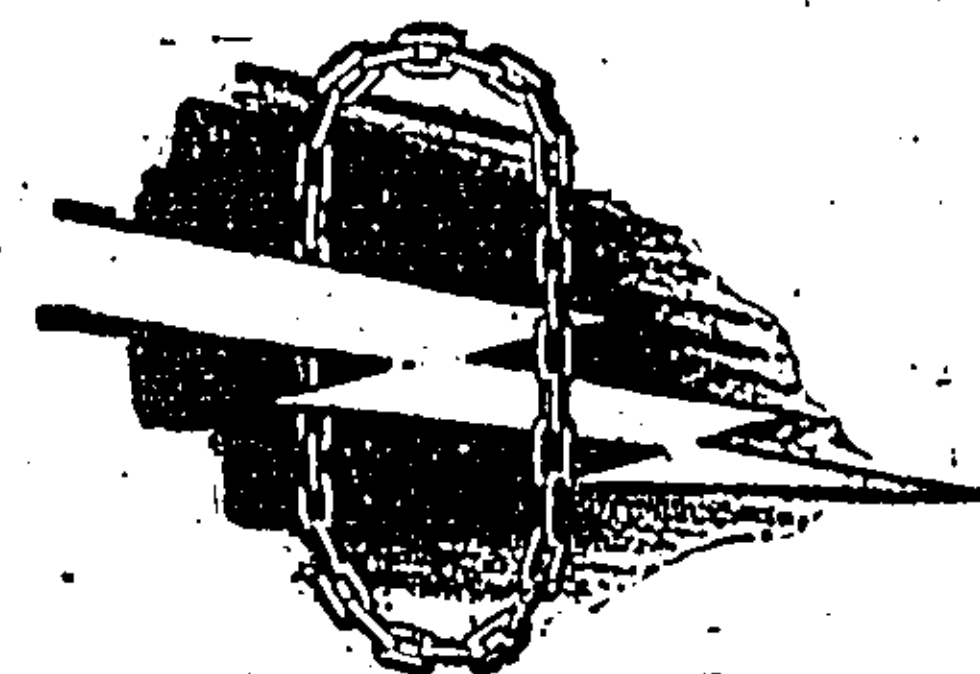
Had To Draw Lots

Local firemen are so eager to go to London that lots have had to be drawn to select from the volunteers the number required.

Women telephone operators of the Bournemouth A.F.S. have also volunteered to join the parties. One married woman has offered her house to a London A.F.S. woman telephonist, and is willing to go to London in her place.

TIN FINDS IN EGYPT

Tin deposits have been found near Kossair, on the Red Sea coast, according to Dr Hassan Saddik Bey, Egyptian Under-Secretary for Finance. Experts estimate that the yield will be 15,000 tons of pure tin annually.



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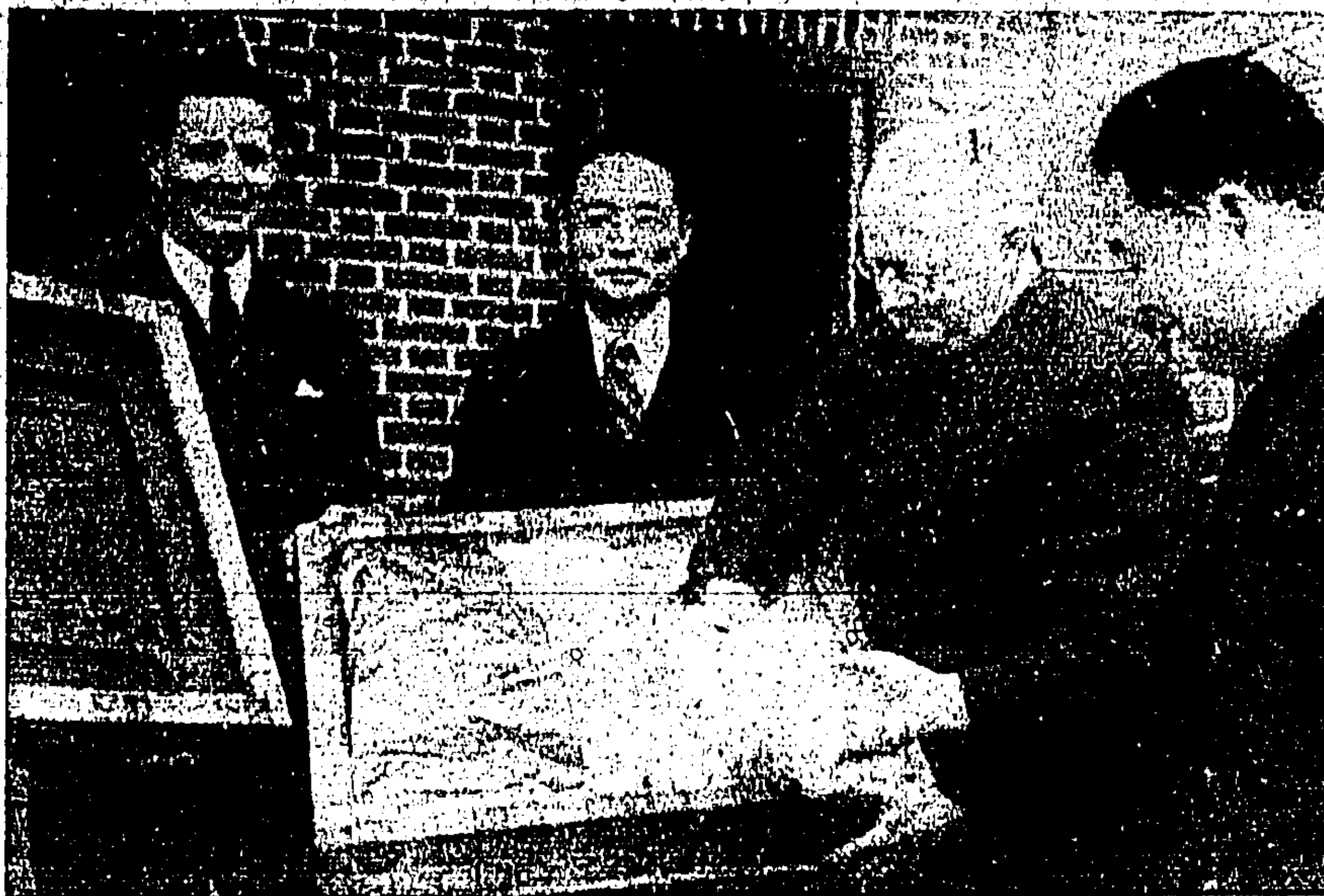
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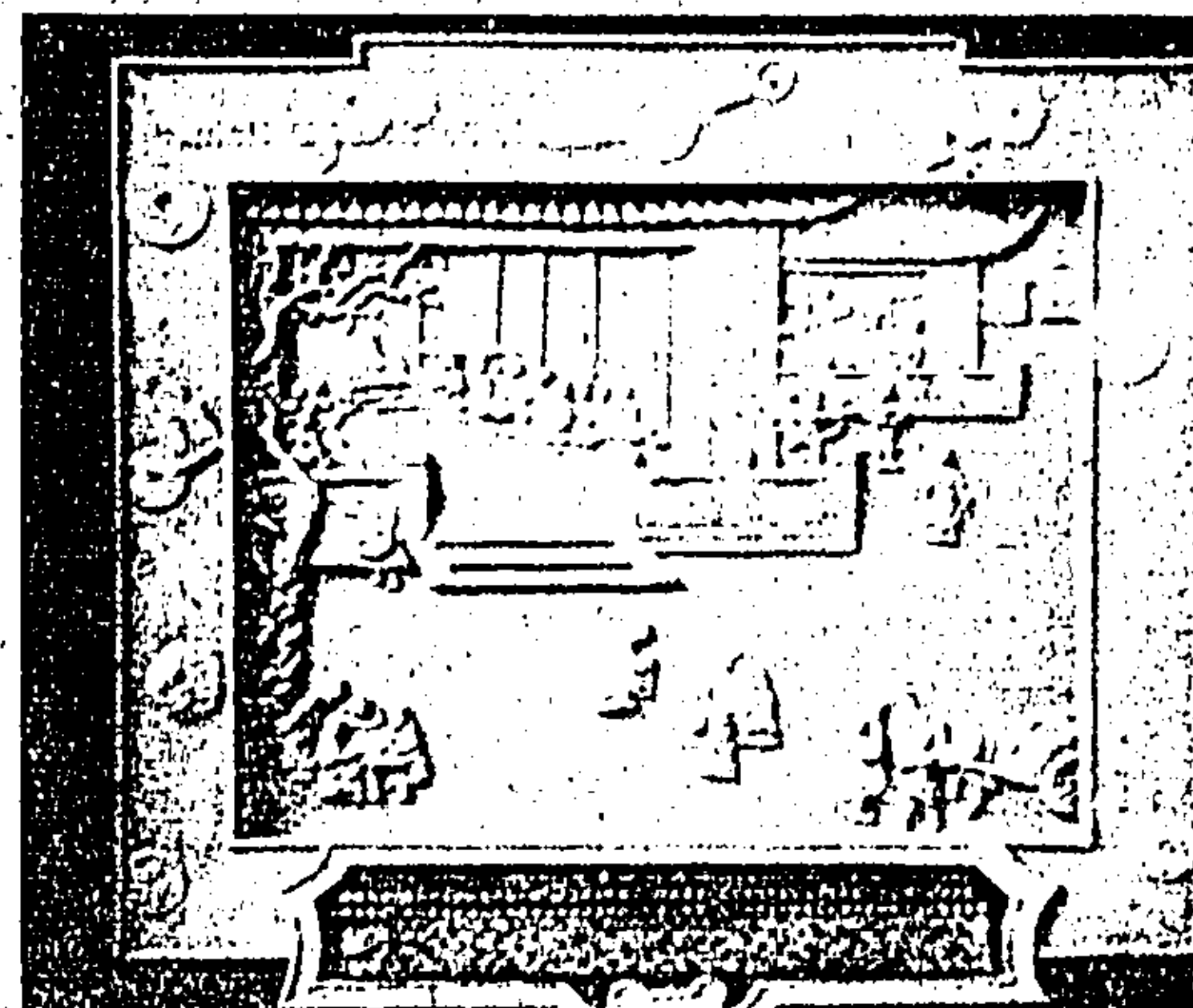
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CHINESE GIFTS TO THE ROOSEVELTS



The presentation of a Mongolian white fox fur coat to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, and a Foochow lacquer plaque to the President, was made at the United States Embassy in Chungking recently. Top picture shows the scene at the Embassy. Right to left: Major-Gen. J. L. Huang, who made the presentation on behalf of the Chinese People's Foreign Relations Association, Ambassador Johnson, Dr. Kinn-wei Shaw, representing the Chinese-American Institute of Cultural Relations, and Mr. Everett Drumwright, Second Embassy Secretary. Right: The Ambassador wearing the coat at a reception. The plaque shown below depicts Confucius teaching the Six Arts. (Photos by Norman Seong).



SOLDIER CHARGED

--Friendship With
Schoolgirl

It was alleged against a Watford schoolgirl at the Old Bailey that she not only declared her love for a young soldier, and spent some time with him in a wood, but that she tempted him to do wrong.

The young soldier John Edward William Downard, 20, a gunner in the Royal Artillery, was found not guilty of committing an offence against the girl, and was discharged.

For the prosecution, Mr. R. E. Seaton stated that the girl, who lived with her parents at Watford, was 13 on Nov. 16 last year.

The girl, giving evidence, denied inviting Downard to be intimate with her, or that she had been with boys before. She also declared that she never mentioned her age to Downard.

A detective stated that when Downard was told the girl's age, he exclaimed: "Thirteen! I must have been crazy."

Wanted To Marry

Subsequently, Downard made a statement in which he was alleged to have said: "She told me she loved me and wanted to marry me as soon as possible. . . . Eventually I forgot everything except that she was a girl and we were alone. . . ."

Giving evidence, Downard stated that he met the girl on Sept. 17 when she went to the library and they went to the park together. The next day they met again, and going to the park, he was intimate with her.

The girl, he said, was wearing a jumper, blue skirt and blazer, and he thought she was 17 or 18.

Second Time

Downard asserted that when they went out together the second time, the girl invited him to be familiar, "I was a bit frightened," he added. Cross-examined, Downard affirmed that the girl "had a reputation among the chaps," but he spoke to her only because he wished to be friends. She did not tell him that she was still at school.

Philippines Freedom Danger

FORT WORTH, Tex. (UP).—Fear of Axis power expansion in the Far East will cause the Philippine Islands to give up their 40-year fight for independence, E. S. Turner, for 25 years Y.M.C.A. National Secretary in the Islands, has predicted.

Serious "repercussions" may be expected if the United States withdraws its support of the Islands, he said.

Under the Commonwealth Bill the Philippines were to become independent in 1946.

Turner believes the United States will postpone granting the Philippines home rule.

Social Problems
"Withdrawal of our free market," he said, "would destroy the present standard of living and create social problems which would imperil Philippine progress of the past 40 years."

In addition, he said, Filipinos know that they would be the prey of any expanding power in the Pacific if the United States armed forces left the Islands. Recent formal adherence of Tokyo to the Rome-Berlin axis heightened fears in the Philippines over possible Japanese expansion, he said.

Islanders, themselves, Turner said, are now working toward deferment of the independence decrees.

Roxas Appeal
Indicative of the sentiment, he said, was the radio appeal made a few weeks ago by Manuel Roxas, Secretary of Finance in the Philippine National Cabinet. Roxas urged that Congress postpone independence and application of the economic provisions of the Commonwealth Bill. Congress, Turner believes, would not discuss the Philippine issue until 1944 in view of pressing international and domestic problems.

Decree For Lord Mountgarret

A decree nisi was granted in the Divorce Court recently, to Viscount Mountgarret, of Nidd Hall, Harrogate, because of his wife's adultery with Lord Allerton, against whom costs were awarded. The suit was not defended.

Lord and Lady Mountgarret were married in October, 1931. The husband's case was that they were on affectionate terms until his wife returned from a visit to Gibraltar in 1939. She then became off-hand and cold towards him. Lady Mountgarret went to Paris in June, 1939, and on her return he asked her about Lord Allerton.

An affidavit by a waiter at a Paris hotel was read in support of the adultery charge. Mr. Justice Hann Collins gave the custody of the two children to Lord Mountgarret.

Old People's Hospital Hit: Many Killed

MANY patients were killed when a high explosive bomb made a direct hit on a London hospital in a recent night raid.

Two nurses on duty were also killed. The hospital is for the aged and infirm, and some of the victims were more than 80 years old.

A block of four wards, in which there were 108 patients, was struck.

As the bomb crashed through the roof it buried the patients under a mass of plaster, beams and bricks. Even when rescue workers cleared some of the debris away the trapped patients were unable to help themselves.

Tank Bursts

They had to be taken on stretchers in the darkness to a first-aid post for treatment before being removed to another hospital.

Rescue work was complicated by the bursting of a water tank at the top of the building.

Doctors and nurses aided the A.R.P. squads and soldiers in the area who were sent to help. One of the leaders of the rescue work was the matron, who carried on, although she had been badly cut as a result of the explosion.

Young nurses climbed over the debris to help patients who seemed to have a chance of being brought out alive.

Guided By Cries

They had to grope over piles of wreckage in the darkness, guided by the cries of the trapped men and women.

One old man trapped in the debris could be heard singing shortly after the explosion, and he went on singing popular songs of the last war as rescuers made their way slowly towards him. Fifteen hours after the explosion he was rescued uninjured.

Nazis Want More Foreign Workers

Germany claims that she still needs another million foreign workers. According to the "Berlingske Aftenavis" of Copenhagen, there are now one million foreign prisoners and over one million foreign labourers employed in Germany.

Much of this is little better than slave labour, since the wages and rations are much smaller than those allotted to Germans. "Unemployed Germans" are said to number only 33,000.

Plot To Oust Mussolini

DESPITE strict censorship, details of a round-up of Italian aristocrats have leaked out.

When American journalists in Rome spilled the news that 14 members of old and renowned families had been arrested, Fascist authorities denied it.

The arrests came after discovery of a plot by a group of Italian aristocrats to get rid of Mussolini and his Foreign Minister (Count Ciano). The leading spirit in the plot was 66-year-old Prince Carlo Alessandro Torlonia, whose third wife was the Infanta Beatrice eldest daughter of ex-King Alfonso of Spain.

Soon after Germany invaded Poland, Torlonia formed the Resoluto, a group of Italian aristocrats determined to prevent Italy from becoming a German tool and being forced into war against Britain.

Torlonia laid before Mussolini a document proving that Italy would be Germany's next victim if Hitler won the war.

Balbo

Torlonia proposed that Marshal Balbo, Governor of Libya—whom Mussolini feared—should be appointed president of a newly-constituted Fascist Grand Council after removal of the existing leaders.

Balbo, although unaware of the plot, and innocent of any conspiracy against Mussolini, was killed when his plane was mysteriously shot down in Libya on June 28, a couple of weeks after Mussolini declared war.

The Resoluto decided to arrest Mussolini, Ciano, and Mutt in their offices in the Palazzo Venezia. After arrest they were to be shot.

Secret police arrested Torlonia at home, in the Bocca di Leone, Rome and the others as they were trying to enter the Palazzo Venezia.

Only personal intervention by King Victor Emmanuel prevented death sentences being carried out.

U.S. Sends 500 Planes Monthly

The United States exported 743 planes to Britain during the first 12 months of the war, the United States Department of Commerce announced recently.

Since August, however, it was stated, shipments have been nearly 500 a month.

The number of planes sent to Britain rose from three in March to 97 in June and 278 in August, said New York radio.

Japan Short Of Food

Hard Winter Is In Prospect

SHORTAGE of clothing and food will be Japan's most serious problem this winter.

This is stated in a confidential report by the Tokio representative to the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, states a New York message.

"Most luxuries are almost unobtainable in Japan," the report says. "Sugar is rationed, and each person is allowed only five matches a day."

Anti-American Feeling

"Anti-American sentiment is rising rapidly in Japan," the report adds.

"There has been no direct action against Americans similar to recent arrests of Britons on espionage charges."

"But a powerful group in Japan, which has been responsible for these arrests, would be glad of the chance to deal with Americans in the same way."

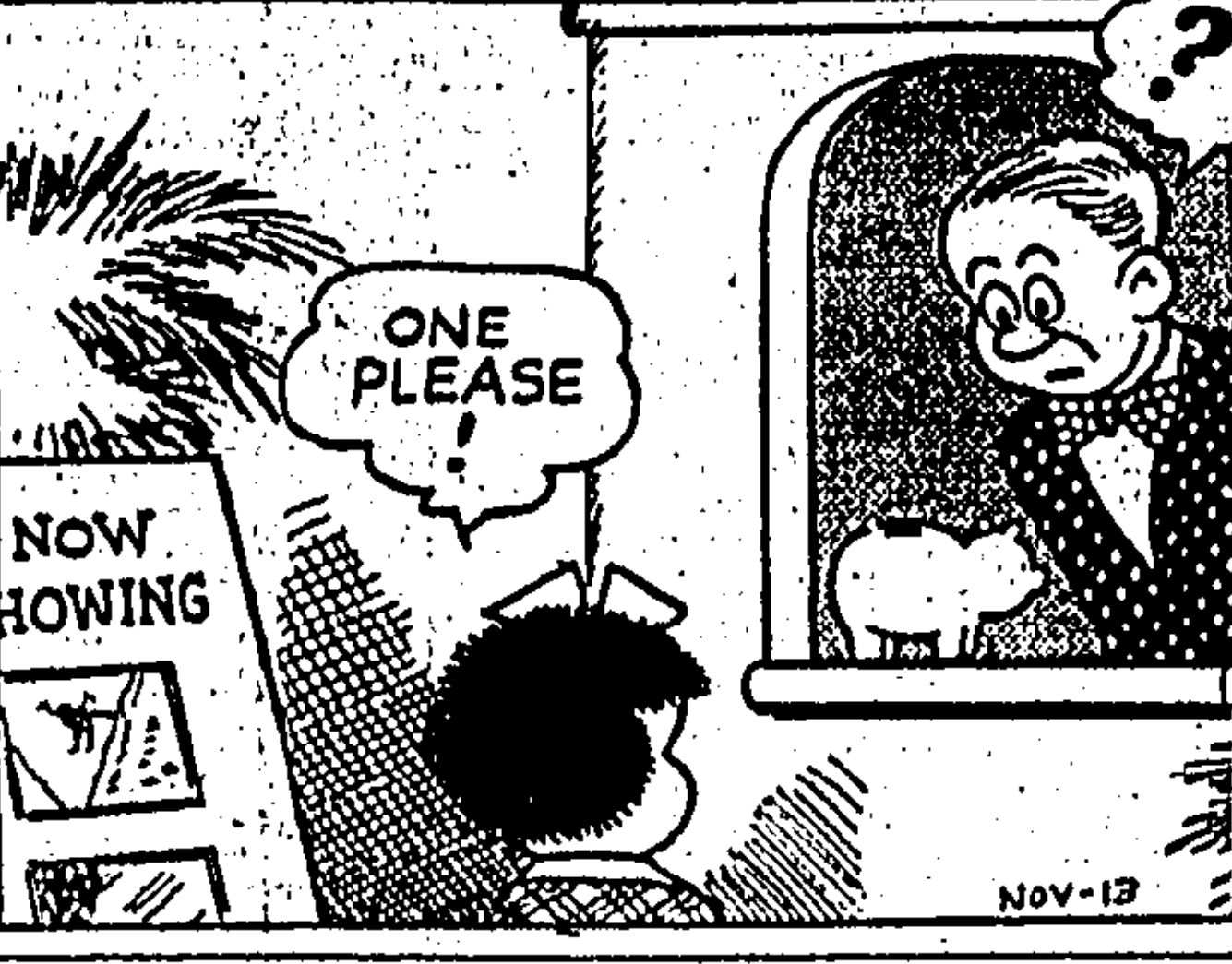
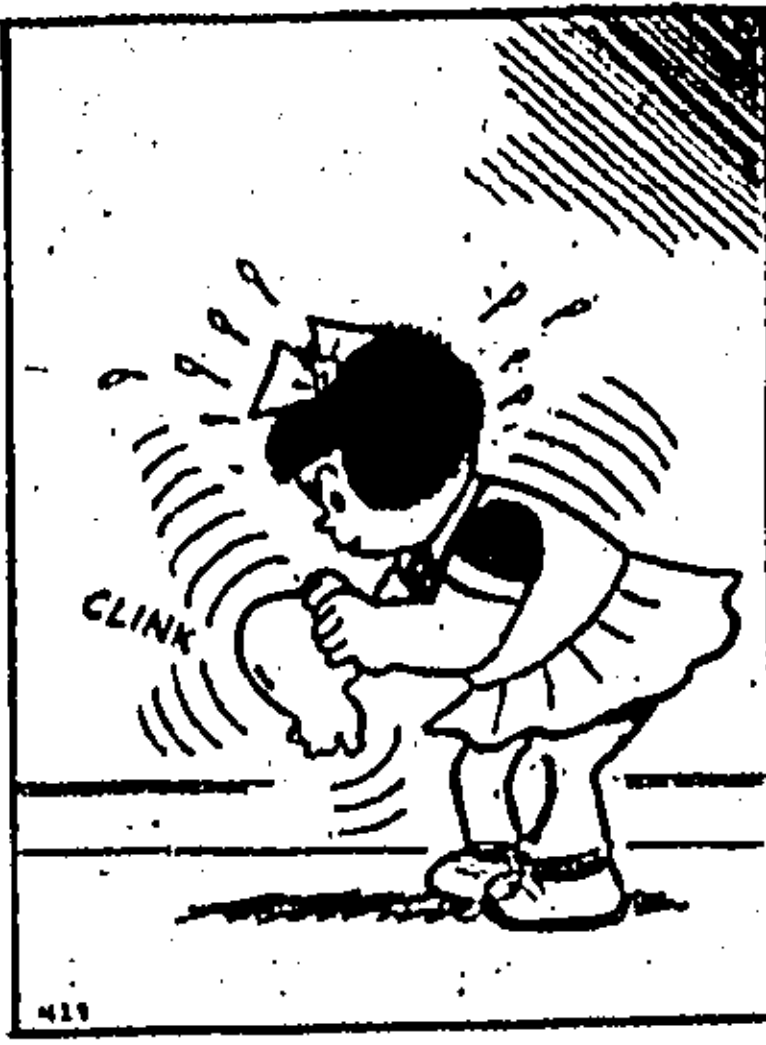
"The extent to which a sort of gang rule prevails to-day in Japan is almost unbelievable."

Husband Tests Cigarette Ashes To Build Case

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia.—Finding a cigarette ash on a sofa in his home, a husband in Prague turned scientific sleuth with the result that he petitioned for divorce.

He smokes only cigars and he deduced that the ash was not from cigarettes smoked by his wife. He carried out chemical experiments which he had learned when employed in a laboratory, and the results convinced him that the "burned evidence" was from a brand smoked by a student who boarded at his home. The husband believed that he had established, by his tests, that there was an association between his wife and the boarder. The judge, however, has asked an expert to report on the value of the tests.

NANCY



BOMBED BY ENEMY OFF IRELAND

EMPRESS OF BRITAIN SINKING DESCRIBED

Vivid descriptions of the last scenes on board the 42,348-ton Empress of Britain, flagship of the Canadian Pacific fleet, which blew up and sank about 150 miles off Ireland after being bombed and machine-gunned by enemy aircraft, are contained in London newspapers just received in the Colony.

The ship blew up while she was being towed in an attempt at salvage, and of the 643 people on board, 598 were landed in a western port by British warships.

The commander of the ship, Capt. Charles Howard Sapsworth, stood on the bridge till it was burning away beneath him, encouraging his gunners as they battled with a German warplane till all were killed or wounded and the guns out of action. Capt. Sapsworth, who brought the King and Queen back in the Empress of Britain from their Canadian tour, was among the survivors.

Many of the passengers and crew were rescued after having been afloat in lifeboats for more than six hours. About 400 others were taken off the forecastle and stern of the liner by naval units. Some were killed outright by bombs which struck the ship and many others were seriously injured.

Attack Described

The attack began when enemy bombers dived out of the morning sky and raked the gun crew with machine-gun fire. Having put the liner's gun out of action, the pilots circled to the attack, swept over the ship and dropped high explosive bombs, one of which made a direct hit.

Incendiary bombs were dropped during a further onslaught, and the ship was ablaze amidships while passengers and crew took to the lifeboats or congregated in unaffected parts of the liner.

Meanwhile, far beneath in the bowels of the liner, other men kept the engines going, though they had to use gas-masks and hand-torches in the smoke and fumes through which the powerful ship's lights could not penetrate.

Lifeboats On Fire

When the ship was hit some of the lifeboats were set alight by the fire bombs and burned fiercely as they swung at the davits.

Calm obedience of the officers prevented panic. Women and children were ordered below until the attack was over, and were sheltered by the boat stations and the forecastle by officers and ratings.

There was little danger of the ship sinking immediately, and passengers had plenty of time to get to the lifeboats. Other passengers and crew, numbering about 300, made their way to the forecastle, from which they were taken off about six hours after the attack. Nearly 100 who crowded in the stern were taken off within an hour.

Lights in the fore-part went out, and members of the crew conducted passengers to the forecastle with torches. Meanwhile the captain manoeuvred his ship so that the thickly-peopled part was kept clear of smoke and flame.

Rapid Taking Off

The wind was fresh, but fortunately the sea was calm, and the task of taking off passengers was carried out with the least possible delay.

The youngest passenger was 11-months-old Neville Hart. He was saved by being lashed in a blanket to the back of a sailor, who slid down a 60ft rope into a lifeboat with Neville slung behind him like a pupoose.

Neville was as contented as if he had been wrapped in his mother's shawl. He was big-eyed with wonder at the novelty of his descent, but showed no signs of excitement.

Forecastle Scenes

A member of the crew, J. P. Donovan, of Southampton, gave a vivid description of the scene on the forecastle.

"When the bombs began to drop," he said, "about 40 or 50 of us lay down on the deck. Then the lights went out in the forward part and we made our way towards the forecastle by torchlight. The stench left by the bombs was terrible."

"Finally about 300 people were gathered in the forecastle, including a number of women and children. About half an hour after the attack the boats lowered from the starboard side came up forward and we got all the women and children into them."

"When these boats were full we still had about 140 on the forecastle. In case there should not be enough boats for us we began to make rafts. We gathered together all the wood we could find—cabin doors, between decks and awning spars—and made three large rafts. We pushed these to the rails ready to tip them into the water when the time came. We had tied lines to them so that they would not float away from the ship."

"There were some very plucky things done when the boats were being launched. I saw one man named Street who was in the water climb up a rope to the deck and help one of the sailors to lower a boat. This boat was the means of many lives being saved."

Spreading Fire

"Owing to the fire spreading a number of the boats had to be got away with only four men in them, the idea being to get them safely afloat and then get the people into them."

"The trouble was that four men could not row those heavy boats, and then the motor-boat which could have towed them to where they were needed got a knock when it was being lowered and the engine would not start."

"An assistant boatman named McKinnon, who comes from Harris,

and an R.A.F. officer, did a good bit of work between them. McKinnon had about a dozen people in the motor-boat with him, but none of them could get the engine to start.

"They managed, however, to row the boat to a lifeboat lying nearby on the chance that someone there could help. There they came across the R.A.F. officer, and he got the engine going."

Flying Boat's Signal

"After that it was easy. The motor-boat towed the empty lifeboats up to the ship where the flames had been spreading rapidly all the time, and it was not long after all we were all away. I was one of the last men to leave the ship. It was then the middle of the afternoon, between five and six hours after the attack."

"All these hours the flames had been spreading forward, and when we got away the ship was burning within 10 feet of the bows, so we had not much space left. In a few minutes we would have had to take to the rafts."

"Just before we got into the boats a flying boat came along and signalled that rescue ships were on the way. The rescue ships came up about three-quarters of an hour after, and we got into the boats. The Navy men were grand."

Another member of the crew said that a number of people were killed and injured by the explosion of the bombs and the aircraft's machine-guns.

Bridge Machine-Gunned

"She machine-gunned the bridge heavily," he said, "and a machine gunner was slain there. I heard Capt. Sapsworth commending him highly. The skipper himself was very cool. He stayed on the bridge until it was burning under his feet, and he was on the fore part till the very end."

"We managed to collect some of the injured and carry them aft, where I and some other men stayed, along with the ship's doctor, helping to attend to them until we were taken off."

Women Very Brave

One of the stewards said: "The women were very brave. You could not have found a more heroic crowd. One of them, Mrs Trotter, found herself on a raft. Not far away there was a lifeboat, but as it had only four men on board it could not reach the raft, so Mrs Trotter and a steward left the raft and swam to the boat."

Engines Kept Running

An engine-room officer said: "We kept the engines running for about three-quarters of an hour after the attack. The smoke and fumes were so bad down below that we had to wear gas masks as we went about our jobs. The lights stayed on in the engine room, but the smoke was so thick that we needed electric torches to see what we were doing."

Several members of the ship's gun crews were killed and wounded as they strove to beat off the raider. The crew of one Lewis gun were shot down by the raider's guns as they fired on it.

Members of the crew paid tribute to the courage of the engine-room staff who remained at their posts to stop the engines and shut off all apparatus which might have led to an explosion. Some of the crew who were caught in the after part of the ship opened portholes and dived or jumped out into the water and on to the rafts.

BRITISH SALE To Get Dollars

To secure dollars to purchase vital war materials, Britain has sold the United States certain important subsidiary business interests in Australia, it was learned at Canberra recently.

The executive of one important British subsidiary operating in Australia has been replaced by Americans.

One United States company has indicated to the Commonwealth authorities its intention of forming an Australian organization to sell £300,000 worth of goods annually to the sterling group of countries.

By Ernie Bushmiller



MEN FROM MARS?—No, a British army sniper already camouflaged helps another soldier don net camouflage during a practice drill somewhere in England.

Japanese Minister To Australia Saionji's Grandson May Be Appointed

Prince Koichi Saionji, 38-years-old grandson of Prince Saionji, the last of the Japanese Elder Statesmen, who died recently, is being mentioned as Japan's first Minister to Australia, writes Robert Hughes, Sydney "Daily Telegraph" correspondent in Tokyo.

Earlier it appeared likely that Yackichiro Suma, Japanese Foreign Office Spokesman, would be appointed, but apparently he has been passed over.

Prince Koichi has travelled extensively, but has had no previous diplomatic experience. His selection would be an innovation in Japanese diplomatic practice.

An Oxford graduate, Prince Saionji is joint secretary of the Oxford Society in Tokyo.

Some years ago he founded a liberal magazine, which had a great following. However, in the early stages of the China war, Prince Saionji was requested to water down his policy. Because he felt that the magazine had lost its individuality he closed it down.

Prince Saionji speaks English and French fluently. He is widely regarded as the Japanese Prince of Wales. No one would credit him with his age of 38. He is about 5 ft. 9 in. high, of solid build, and a keen golfer.

The 61-year-old Prince Saionji, who was Japan's famous veteran liberal statesman, lived after his retirement until his death on the hills under Mount Fuji.

The Saionjis are one of the five great feudal families from which Japanese Emperors may take a wife. Prince Koichi is a son of Saionji Hachiro, who was an adopted son of the old Prince Saionji.

It is an old-standing practice of the House of Saionji to adopt a son, even when there are already sons of the family.

The adopted son becomes in all respects one of the family, and inherits equally with the real sons. Saionji Hachiro was the adopted brother of Prince Mori Saionji, son of the Elder Statesman, Prince Mori held for many years the important feudal lordship of Nagato.

Emperor's Men

The Saionjis stood firmly by the Emperor Meiji when the "Age of Enlightenment" was inaugurated in 1868 and the power of the Shogun broken.

The old Prince Saionji was then a youth of 19. He played his part in the family duty of supporting the Emperor's authority when the last great rising of the old feudal swordsmen broke out in Western Japan in 1876.

That rising, spilt all chance of the Government of Japan accepting the South Australia plan for

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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JAPANESE PLANNING A COUP D'ETAT IN BANGKOK: SENDING PLANES & TANKS

EXCLUSIVE TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

By MEVILLE JACOBY

"United Press" Correspondent who has just returned to Hongkong from Indo-China.

PROOF THAT JAPANESE MILITARY AID FOR THAILAND HAS INCREASED AND THE STRONGEST INDICATION THAT THE JAPANESE ARE PLANNING A COUP D'ETAT IN BANGKOK, WAS REVEALED TO ME BEFORE LEAVING HANOI BY UNIMPEACHABLE SOURCES.

That the so-called Japanese Goodwill Mission, en route to Bangkok from Tokyo, is planning to overthrow the existing Bangkok regime was revealed through a letter which was intercepted by my informants. The letter was sent from Tokyo on December 15 and went to the M.B.K. agent at Bangkok. It revealed part of a Japanese plan for installing in Bangkok a War Party which will be pro-Japanese.

The letter announced to the M.B.K. manager the arrival of four important Japanese agents sent by the Tokyo Foreign Office, who are receiving instructions directly from Mr. Matsuoaka.

The letter explained to the recipient that the four Japanese, under the guise of being a Goodwill Mission had the real assignment of organising a coup d'etat in Bangkok, and setting up a pro-Japanese Government.

The letter further stated that the M.B.K. manager should await the arrival of the four Japanese envoys who were leaving Tokyo about December 23.

The letter mentioned Mr. Tazawa as one of the four Japanese envoys. Tazawa was formerly in Indo-China with the Japanese Economic Mission.

Unimpeachable sources also revealed that Japanese shipping officials have been acting as Japanese agents in Indo-China and were part of a tremendous Japanese organisation, including natives and Wang Ching-wei adherents, operating throughout the French colony.

The same sources revealed to me definite proof that Japanese military aid to Thailand is increasing. Beside the shipment of 20 pursuit planes early in December 25, Japanese bombers from Hainan went to Bangkok recently.

The Japanese steamer, Bangkok Maru loaded 950 tons of assorted munitions and guns and routed them to Thailand during the past week, while a Japanese ship, loaded with tanks, is expected to leave Japan in the near future.

Close Connections

Very close connections between the Japanese in Indo-China and the Japanese in Thailand is reported. Members of the Japanese Mission are continually travelling from Hanoi to Bangkok via the Japanese Airways' new line, apparently reporting on French military activity on the Thailand borders.

Hoping to offset part of the leakage of military information via the Japanese, the French authorities recently stopped the Japanese Airways' new line which runs from Hanoi to Touane, Saigon and Bangkok, thereby partially checking Japanese agents from travelling to Thailand. However, the other Japanese Airways line via Vientiane to Bangkok continues unhampered.

Attempts To Reach Borders

Japanese tours of southern Indo-China have increased since the Thai-Indo-China hostilities, with the Japanese attempting to reach Cambodia and Laos borders, which are now under military control.

General Sumita, in a recent trip southwards, with a party of nearly 30, has been attempting to reach the Cambodia borders.

Prior to General Sumita's trip two carloads of Japanese, including eight high military officers, tried to crash through two French military barricades in a vain attempt to reach the frontier zones.

The French military arrested the Japanese, taking them to Saigon under escort.

Decoux For Saigon

HANOI, Dec. 29 (UP).—It is authoritatively stated that Admiral Decoux will go to Saigon in January for a six weeks stay.

CHANGEABLE SPOT

The Town of Schleifstadt in Alsace—which was French before 1870. German till 1918, French until 1940, and is now German-occupied once more—has had three different names for its main square in the past 20 years. In 1918 it was called Kaiser Platz. In 1919 it became the Place de la Republique. In 1940 it became Adolf Hitler Platz. And in 1942...

Far East Situation Becoming Serious

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Dec. 29 (UP).—Authoritative circles, including the Japanese, are unanimous in their opinions that the Far Eastern situation is rapidly deteriorating in view of the prospects of an imminent extension of the war to the Pacific, engineered by Germany, and the intensified Japanese preparations for a southward move.

Reports have been received that Germany has assured Japan that she will apply sufficient pressure on Russia from the West to prevent a Soviet "stab in the back" if and when Japan moves southward.

To Out-Flank Singapore

Foreign intelligence officials declare that present information clearly indicates that Japan plans to out-flank Singapore through Thailand.

(This is substantiated by the story appearing on this page by the "United Press" correspondent, Mr. Jacoby, who reveals that the Japanese are planning a coup d'etat in Bangkok.)

Authoritative circles reveal that Germans in Tokyo are assuring Japan that the United States will not interfere with a thrust through southern Indo-China and Thailand.

The Nazis argue that that widespread German raiding on British shipping in the Pacific will probably lead Washington to declare the Western Pacific unsafe for American shipping, thereby cutting off American material aid to Chungking, and at the same time menacing Burma, forcing London to suspend aid to Chungking.

German Promises

They declared that Germany is promising Japan a major blockade of the Mediterranean and a military offensive as well as intensified fifth column activities in the United States and South America, which will be timed to coincide with the Japanese TURN to Back Page, Column 3

Italo-Greek War

HEAVY FIGHTING IN SNOW

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).

Unconfirmed reports in the Belgrade newspaper "Politika" state that the Greeks have taken an important town between Pogradetz and El Bassan. The Greeks, says the paper, outflanked the town after heavy fighting in the snow.

To-day marks the end of the second month of Graeco-Italian hostilities.

Valona Foreshore Bombed

CAIRO, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—A successful bombing of the Valona foreshore in southern Albania is reported from R.A.F. H.Q. in the Middle East.

One heavy bomb was seen to explode 50 yards from a large ship but the effect of other bombs could not be observed owing to the extremely bad weather.

All British aircraft returned safely.

Mine Accident

JHARIA, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—Four persons, including Mr. E. G. Barker, assistant manager of the Kastur Colliery, were asphyxiated while inspecting a mine.

They were overcome by a leakage of gas before help could reach them.

Decoux Reports Calm Reigns In Cochin China

Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, Dec. 29 (UP).—Admiral Decoux, Governor of Indo-China, reported to the Ministry of Colonies to-day upon the completion of an inspection trip last Saturday to Cochin China that complete calm has been restored in the regions which were troubled by the recent Communist uprisings.

The report shows, however, full collaboration in the suppression of the revolt. He believed that at present the entire native population is working quietly, and that a number of public works jobs have been opened to native authorities with success.

Admiral Decoux credits the native authorities with success in providing jobs for the unemployed.

Another Severe Raid On London Lasts For Three Hours

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Dec. 29 (UP).—At 6.30 p.m. there was a night warning in the London area almost immediately followed by a heavy raid, with incendiary bombs dropped in at least one district in face of a heavy barrage.

To-night's raid was the earliest for several days, and the intensive fire beacons and crumps indicated that very heavy bombs were being dropped. Anti-aircraft guns were cracking spasmodically.

At 7.40 p.m. the raid seemed to be more severe than that of last Friday night and was reminiscent of the worst raids in September.

Bombs were reported from a widespread area.

Worst Since September

At 8.30 p.m. German raiders were criss-crossing the London skies and showered thousands of incendiary bombs, mingled with high explosives, over a widespread area in the worst raid since September. The heavy barrage appeared to be almost constant for several hours. Scores of Molotov breadbaskets were reported almost as they fell. Many districts suffered.

At 9 p.m. the staff of the "United Press" retired to the underground shelter for the first time since September. Soon after, although the raiders were overhead, buses and pedestrians were seen on the streets and the raid appeared to be tapering off, but occasional gunfire and bombs were still heard.

At 9.30 p.m. the gunfire seemed to be lighter than during the September raids, supporting the theory that British night-fighters were raining the sky. Some claimed they heard machinegun fire overhead, indicating air duels.

The town hall, a museum, two hospitals, two churches and two colleges were among the buildings hit in one district.

So far, there have been no reports of enemy activity in other parts of Britain.

Several Casualties

The Luftwaffe appeared to concentrate on setting fire to as many buildings as possible.

A number of casualties were reported from a wide area. A.R.P. wardens were at work while the bombs were dropping, and rescued some of those who were trapped in debris.

At 10 p.m. a lengthy lull indicated that either the Germans were following new tactics with a comparatively brief raid or that British fighter planes were gaining the upper hand.

Air Ministry Report

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—Only slight German activity over Britain during to-night (Sunday) is reported by the Air Ministry.

Bombs were dropped at a place in North-west England where a small number of people were killed, and others were injured.

Bombs were also dropped at one Suffolk coast town and at two Kent locations on board.

Mysterious Report

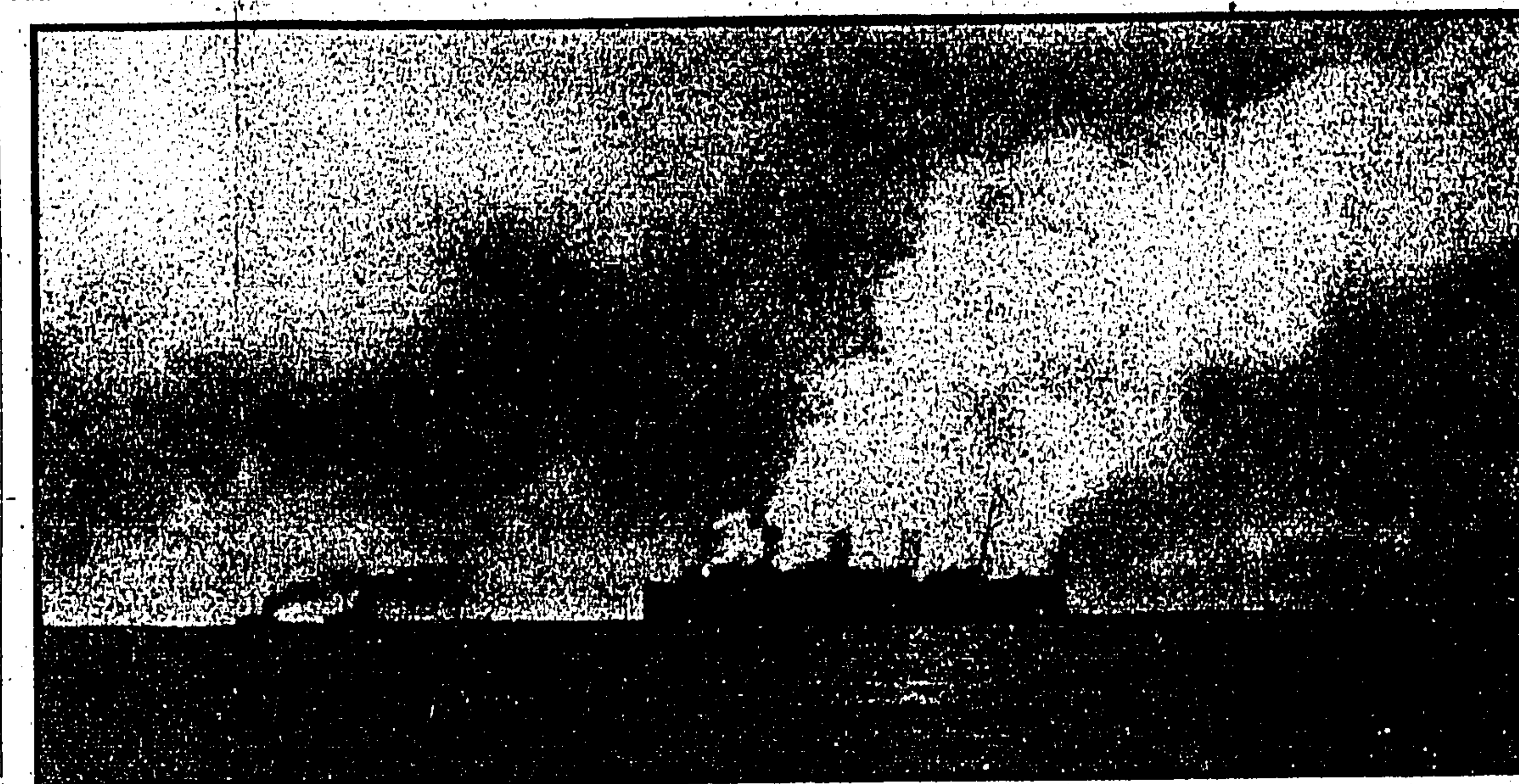
Plane Allegedly Downed

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—Reports that a French plane with five persons on board, including high personnel, was shot down by Spanish A.A. fire near Gibraltar on December 25 while on its way to France from Morocco, are denied by the French wireless from Lyons to-night.

No French plane, stated the announcer, left Morocco from France on that day nor have the French authorities any information of a plane under repair which left Oran on December 25 with only civil technicians on board.

EMPRESS OF BRITAIN ABLAZE

This remarkable picture shows the £3,000,000 Empress of Britain liner, well-known in Hongkong, in flames 150 miles from the coast of Eire. Tugs were trying to tow her to port after she had been attacked by Nazi dive-bombers. Soon after this dramatic picture was taken the 42,348-ton vessel blew up and sank.



JAPANESE SEIZE U. S. GOODS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HANOI, Dec. 29 (UP).—It is reliably reported that Japanese, on Friday night, removed three truck-loads of American-owned goods—tyres, belonging to the United States Trading Company, and wolfram and battery cases belonging to the North American Syndicate—from American godowns in Haiphong.

The Japanese assured the French authorities, who informed the owners after they had made inquiries, that the goods would be returned.

RUMANIAN SPIRITS UNBROKEN

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).

Pamphlets against Nazi tyranny and re-affirming faith in democracy have been distributed in the streets of Bucharest—just one more sign of the growing hatred of the Rumanians against their German masters.

The pamphlets express undying faith in the Allied cause and state that only a British victory can free the oppressed peoples of Europe from the Nazi yoke.

"England is invincible and, with America, will break the menace to peace under whose powers of despotism Europe is groaning to-day," says the pamphlet.

Roosevelt Talk

Millions Will Hear

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).

Over 500 radio stations will transmit President Roosevelt's broadcast in America and a dozen short wave transmitters will carry the talk throughout the Western Hemisphere and into the Far East in many languages.

Urging President Roosevelt to give the country a strong lead for increased aid to Britain, the newspaper "Washington Post" says: "Britain should fight not with her back to the wall but with her back to American factories."

INDIAN LABOUR

CALCUTTA, Dec. 29 (Reuter).

Leading anti-Fascists in the Indian Labour world are holding labour rallies throughout the country to mobilise Labour support for the war effort. Various industrial leaders are joining.

Military Training

BOMBAY, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—The need for Indian youths to take advantage to the utmost of facilities for military training in every branch of war effort, was stressed at various conferences held throughout India during Christmas week.

Thailand And French Troops In Clashes

BANGKOK, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—"Local hostilities" between Thailand and French troops occurred on Saturday, according to a communique issued to-day by the Thai High Command.

The French were routed and munitions were captured.

The communique adds that clashes continued on all fronts, the latest being a 20 minute artillery duel in the Nongkhai sector beginning at 7.20 p.m. yesterday.

Artillery Duel

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Governor Unwell Over Week-End

Attacked by fever, His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut-General E. P. Norton, was confined to bed on Friday and was indisposed over the week end. It was stated yesterday that he had recovered and hopes to be able to carry out his engagements to-day.

His Excellency had to cancel his engagements yesterday including his visit to the Fanling Golf Club, where he was to have seen the new Captain play himself in and later lunch with the Committee.

Garrison Sergeants Annual Dinner

For the first time in their history the Garrison Sergeants' Mess held an Annual Dinner in the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel for members and their guests. Previous annual dinners had been confined to single members, but the evacuation has rendered everybody "homeless" so it was decided to enlarge previous efforts. Approximately two hundred people sat down to a real Christmas dinner in the Roof Garden, which was appropriately arranged under the able supervision of Mr. Mitchell and his staff.

Shop Floor Guttered By Small Fire

A small fire broke out in the ground floor of No. 6 Connaught Road West, occupied by the Tong Lin firm of general merchants, last night. The fire brigade was called and extinguished the flames in half an hour. The entire floor was gutted, causing the loss of the goods stored there.

The merchandise stocked included matches, rice and other goods and was not insured. It is thought that some naked flame must have made contact with the matches.

All the occupants of the shop escaped.

Hoarding Offenders Punished

Chungking, Dec. 29. More large-scale arrests have been made as the Chinese Government continues its determined policy of checking hoarding and the rise in commodity prices. It is feared that 10 cotton yarn merchants have been arrested for speculation and hoarding, and many butchers and meat dealers have also been arrested and fined.

A City Magistrate has also been arrested for hoarding.—Reuter.

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NOTICE

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C. G. PERDUE,
Commissioner of Police,
30th December, 1940.

BANK HOLIDAY

In accordance with Government Ordinance, The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Wednesday, the 1st January, 1941. (The First Week-day in January).
Hongkong, 30th December, 1940.

NOTICE

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Fatshan Sailing To Canton

Following a slight modification of Japanese restrictions the river steamer Fatshan is to make a single trip to Canton leaving tomorrow at 7 a.m.

The agents Messrs. Butterfield & Swire said on Saturday that the steamer will make only one trip at present, nothing having been arranged for the future.

The vessel is now allowed to carry 300 passengers, including crew, and will have to stay in quarantine on arrival for 24 hours.

Nazi Ships Arming In Japan

Said To Be For Pacific Raiding

Manila, Dec. 28. United States Naval officers are paying very close attention to the reported arming of at least 12 German vessels, which are at present in Japanese harbours and in Japanese-controlled China ports, for raiding activities in the Pacific. It is learnt from reliable sources.

It is said that several German vessels are already engaged in provisioning and refuelling German raiders at present active in Australian and Indian waters. They are probably meeting at the Japanese mandated islands.

Very recently the Norwegian tanker Olav Jakob, which was manned by a German prize crew, entered Kobe, refuelled and then departed, despite protests by the Norwegian Minister to Tokyo with the Japanese Foreign Office.

Reliable quarters said that two German vessels, the Hagensburg and the Kulmerland left Japan late in October and have not yet returned, while the Elsa, Esberger, Burgeland, Schurhorst, and Anneliese are at Kobe or Dairen. The Elbe, Odessa, and the Sackville are at Yokohama, being constantly fuelled and provisioned.

The same quarters disclosed that three German vessels at present in Tientsin and three others in China ports are being armed.

Authoritative United States defence officials are of the opinion that the German vessels will be completely armed by the middle of January. This would constitute Hitler's "aid" to Japan in starting Japan's southward expansion, which will be timed to coincide with Germany's action in south-east Europe, by immobilising the United States Fleet in the Pacific and possibly embroiling the United States and Japan in the war at a time when Britain urgently needs naval assistance in the Mediterranean.

The same officials say that foreign intelligence reports indicate that numerous Germans have been arriving in Japan for the last few months, and that Hitler has been exerting pressure on Japan to put "squeezers" on the United States, while Hitler strikes in Europe.

Naval officers understand that the German vessels will be used not only as commerce raiders but also to drive British shipping from the Pacific and Indian Ocean routes, but also as the vanguard for Japan's move in the Dutch East Indies.—United Press.

According to an Associated Press message from Shanghai on December 17, claiming confirmation of reports that a German vessel was operating in the south Pacific ocean reached Kobe, Japan, when the Norwegian tanker Eli Jacob entered that harbour with a Nazi prize crew aboard.

Officially it was learned that the raider captured the Eli Jacob while she was en route to Mexico from Australia. The raider, it was said, previously destroyed a smaller Norwegian tanker, the Tedde.

The captains and members of the crew of both ships were imprisoned aboard the Eli Jacob, which then sailed to Kobe.

Reliable reports said the German raider was flying the British ensign when she sighted the Norwegian tanker.

Berlin Remains Silent
Berlin, Dec. 28. Authoritative circles declined to make any comment on the reports from Manila yesterday of German vessels in Far Eastern waters. "If the report is true it would be purely a military matter of which, obviously, we can say nothing. On the other hand, it may be a trial balloon attempt to pry out whether these ships are actually there. In any case, nothing can be said from here."—United Press.

Contributions To Charity

The Salvation Army Home gratefully acknowledges the following donations received for the Home's 11th Day and Christmas Cheer—Mrs. A. W. Hughes \$20, Mrs. D. Valentine \$25, Mrs. Newham \$10, Mrs. Hackett \$10, Mr. B. Currie \$10, Mrs. Gardner \$10, Mr. H. H. H. \$10, Mr. Murphy \$10, Mrs. C. C. C. \$10, Mrs. D. D. D. \$10, Mrs. E. E. E. \$10, Mrs. F. F. F. \$10, Mrs. G. G. G. \$10, Mrs. H. H. H. \$10, Mrs. I. I. I. \$10, Mrs. J. J. J. \$10, Mrs. K. K. K. \$10, Mrs. L. L. L. \$10, Mrs. M. M. M. \$10, Mrs. N. N. N. \$10, Mrs. O. O. O. \$10, Mrs. P. P. P. \$10, Mrs. Q. Q. Q. \$10, Mrs. R. R. R. \$10, Mrs. S. S. S. \$10, Mrs. T. T. T. \$10, Mrs. U. U. U. \$10, Mrs. V. V. V. \$10, Mrs. W. W. W. \$10, Mrs. X. X. X. \$10, Mrs. Y. Y. Y. \$10, Mrs. Z. Z. Z. \$10. Total, \$3,320.

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

Donations collected during December, 1940, for the protection of children, 21,124 (already acknowledged) \$1,271. Collections for the week ended 22.12.40: Chinese Relief Association \$20, Mr. Li Po-chun (in aid of "Ling Yuet Siu Ching" for year 1941) \$1,500, Mr. & Mrs. A. W. Hughes \$20, Mrs. C. C. C. \$10, Mrs. D. D. D. \$10, Mrs. E. E. E. \$10, Mrs. F. F. F. \$10, Mrs. G. G. G. \$10, Mrs. H. H. H. \$10, Mrs. I. I. I. \$10, Mrs. J. J. J. \$10, Mrs. K. K. K. \$10, Mrs. L. L. L. \$10, Mrs. M. M. M. \$10, Mrs. N. N. N. \$10, Mrs. O. O. O. \$10, Mrs. P. P. P. \$10, Mrs. Q. Q. Q. \$10, Mrs. R. R. R. \$10, Mrs. S. S. S. \$10, Mrs. T. T. T. \$10, Mrs. U. U. U. \$10, Mrs. V. V. V. \$10, Mrs. W. W. W. \$10, Mrs. X. X. X. \$10, Mrs. Y. Y. Y. \$10, Mrs. Z. Z. Z. \$10. Total, \$1,311.

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CHINESE SOLDIERS

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FIRING PRACTICE

Heavy gun firing practice will be carried out between the hours of 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. to-day, the military authorities advise.

Firing areas "C" and "D" will be affected. The alternative date given is January 2.



PROBER—Rep. Wright Patman of Texas, as he appeared before the Dies Committee in Washington to urge an investigation of an alleged tie-up between "some big business" and German propaganda agencies in the United States.

Saturday's Wedding

Leonardo Elarte And Miss Juno Bucks

St Joseph's Church was the scene of a pretty wedding on Saturday afternoon when Miss Mary Joan Juno Bucks, became the bride of Mr Leonardo Antonio Elarte. The Rev. Fr. A. Riganti officiated.

THE BRIDE is the daughter of Mr and Mrs A. M. Bucks and was given away by her brother, Mr Sherry Bucks. She wore an ankle-length dress of silver brocade, the bodice of which was gathered in front and had leg-o-mutton sleeves. White gladioli composed her bouquet.

The bridegroom is the son of the late Mr Bernaldo Elarte, and Mrs Inez Andrade.

Miss Pauline Elarte, the bridegroom's sister, was the bridesmaid and wore an ankle-length dress of taffeta in the new "mauve-pink" shade with tulle lining. Her hair was pinned to match. Instead of the conventional bouquet, she wore orchids pinned to her muffler.

Little Astrid and Olive Elms, the bride's nieces, were the flower-girls. They wore long frocks of pink tulle and carried Victorian posies. The bride's mother attended the ceremony in a dress of dark green French crepe.

The best men were Mr W. L. Cunningham by proxy for Mr Franklin Elarte, and Mr Roman Jesus Manalac.

A largely attended reception was held later at the Gloucester Hotel. The honeymoon is being spent at Repulse Bay. Mrs Elarte chose a wine coloured dress of French crepe for going away.

Immigration Warning By Government

It is understood that the proposal to grant a monopoly to one or other firms to act as authorised agents of the Immigration Department has been abandoned by the Government. The system of permitting a number of agents to operate will continue, but, under rigid control.

Recently five agencies have been closed owing to malpractice, while those of three firms have been declared black-listed by the Department. Any firm which guarantees persons not known to it and any firm charging fees for their "chops" would be black-listed, Mr R. A. D. Forrest the Immigration Officer said on Saturday.

Applications from would-be agents continue to pour into the Department.

CHRISTMAS DINNER MEMBERS OF LITTLE FLOWER CLUB HOLD PARTY

Members of the Little Flower Club, King's Park, assembled on Saturday evening for a Christmas party and dinner, when an enjoyable time was spent.

Entertainment was provided by Miss Elvira Yuen, who sang a number of songs, accompanied by the Rev. Fr. A. Riganti at the piano.

Presenters were distributed to all members and guests from a large Christmas tree which stood in the hall.

Among those present was the Bishop, Mr H. Valtoria.

BANKER RETIRES

Mr D. M. Biggar Leaves Colony

After being active in the business life of the Colony for 25 years, Mr D. M. Biggar, Second Vice-President of the Chase Bank, sailed on retirement to the United States by the President Coolidge on Saturday. Mr Biggar intends to settle down in the West Coast, possibly in San Francisco.

Mr Biggar, who is 54 years of age, was born in Danville, Illinois. Joining the American Express Company at the age of 14, he served in various capacities at their Chicago, St. Louis, Pittsburgh and Seattle agencies, gaining his first experience in finance in 1905 at Pittsburgh where he was engaged in the buying and selling of foreign currencies, a large proportion of the immigrant traffic being then in the hands of the American Express Co.

In 1917 Mr Biggar was transferred to Hongkong after a period of two months in Manila. In 1918 he was sent to Shanghai to take charge of the Company's office there and in 1919 returned to the management of the Hongkong office.

His bent for finance having definitely declared itself, he left the American Express Co. the same year and joined the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York and took part in the formation of the Asia Bank (Malaya) Corporation, which was liquidated in 1924. He then joined the Equitable Trust Co. and towards the end of the year started the Equitable Eastern Bank, which was merged into the Chase Bank in 1931.

Mr Biggar was President of the American Club in Hongkong two years after its foundation. He was in Shanghai in 1937 as relief manager of the Chase Bank when the Sino-Japanese hostilities started. His wife, who left the Colony last July, was a keen member of the Women's International Club and was an enthusiastic social worker.

Variety Show Artistes

A small but enthusiastic party of amateur artistes have spent most of the festive season, so far, in rehearsing for "Funity," which is to be presented at the China Fleet Club Theatre at a quarter past nine on Friday.

The cast, containing a few new names, along with those of better known artistes, includes—"Freddy" Archer, Monty Dilton, "Billy" Field, Nellie Field, Allison Fisher, Jack Fountain, George Frost, "Les" Gibson, John Gilchrist, Gertrude Goddard, Stanley Hinchliffe, David Kosick, Tommy King, William Knight, Frank Lee, Maudie Minnie, "Mysto" the Memory Man, "Bill" Samways, Daisy Shields, Micky de Sousa and Elvie Yuen.

Although many of the performers have appeared in recent shows, all the acts are new, and "Funity" promises to show its audience something different in the presentation of variety entertainment.

Humphy Ramage is the stage manager, whilst Mr R. C. Butler is arranging lighting effects.

The performance on Friday is in aid of the funds of the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children, and seats may be booked at the Anderson Music Company, Ice House Street.—Contributed.

Resident Waylaid Near Home Menaced With Chopper

Mr Li Sing-kui, former Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Manager of the Hong Kong Bank, was robbed of a parcel containing \$513 outside his residence, 15 Robinson Road, about 7 o'clock on Saturday evening.

According to Mr Li, he had just stepped out of his motor car, holding the parcel in his hand, when he was met by a Chinese, who produced a chopper, with which he threatened Mr Li.

Mr Li dropped the parcel and this was picked up by a second man. Both robbers then bolted along Robinson Road, one of them making down Mosque Street, and managed to escape.

British Convoy Attacked

London, Dec. 29. The Admiralty announced to-day that a British convoy in the North Atlantic was attacked by an enemy submarine on Christmas Day. One ship was hit.

The escorting force engaged the enemy at long range and one shell from a British warship appeared to hit the raider, amidstships, but the result is unknown.

H.M.S. Berwick sustained slight damage and five casualties but she is remaining at sea.

While the escorting force was pursuing the raider they intercepted a German ship of 8,000 tons. The German vessel on approach of the British warships set herself afire and the vessel had to be sunk by British shell fire.—Reuter Bulletin.

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On Wednesday, the 1st January 1941, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Shanghai Branch Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 10 a.m. There will also be one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. from the Branch Post Office at Stanley, Taiipo and Un Long.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

Calcutta, Straits and Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" by sea from Singapore. Dec. 31. Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" (except London) by sea from Singapore. Jan. 1.

Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 27th December. Jan. 3.

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Calcutta and Straits. Jan. 4. U.S.A. and Manila—(San Francisco date, 14th December). Jan. 6.

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 13th December). Jan. 9.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 1 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 30

Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island. 10.30 a.m. G. F. O. and K. F. O.

Reg. Dec. 30, 2.45 p.m. Ord. Dec. 30, 3.30 p.m.

Canton. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mombasa, Beira, Laurence Marques, and South Africa via Durban. 2.30 p.m.

Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways" K.F.O.

Reg. Dec. 31, 1 p.m. Ord. Dec. 31, 1.30 p.m.

G.F.O. Dec. 31, 1 p.m. Reg. Dec. 31, 1.30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 1

G.F.O. & K.F.O. Jan. 1, 10 a.m. Reg. Jan. 1, 10 a.m.

Ord. Jan. 2, 8.30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 2

Hollow. 8.30 a.m. Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways" K.F.O.

Reg. Jan. 2, 2 p.m. Ord. Jan. 2, 2.30 p.m.

G.F.O. Jan. 2, 2 p.m. Reg. Jan. 2, 2.30 p.m.

Ord. Jan. 2, 2.30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3

Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta. 3.30 p.m. Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and United Kingdom via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada and United Kingdom)

Note.—All Mails for United Kingdom will be forwarded with or without subscription K.F.O.

Parcels Jan. 3, 4 p.m. Reg. Jan. 3, 5 p.m.

Ord. Jan. 3, 5.30 p.m. G.F.O. Jan. 3, 4 p.m.

Reg. Jan. 3, 4.30 p.m. Ord. Jan. 3, 4.30 p.m.

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A., and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services" K.F.O.

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G.F.O. Jan. 3, 5.00 p.m. Ord. Jan. 3, 5.30 p.m.

Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane G.F.O. & K.F.O.

Parcels Jan. 3, 5 p.m. Reg. Jan. 4, 8.45 a.m.

Ord. Jan. 4, 9.30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 4

Sandakan. 8.30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7

Manila, Mauritius, Laurence Marques, and South Africa via Durban. 3.30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 8

Manila, Batavia and Soerabaya. 8.30 a.m. K.F.O.

Parcels Jan. 8, 4 p.m. Reg. Jan. 8, 5 p.m.

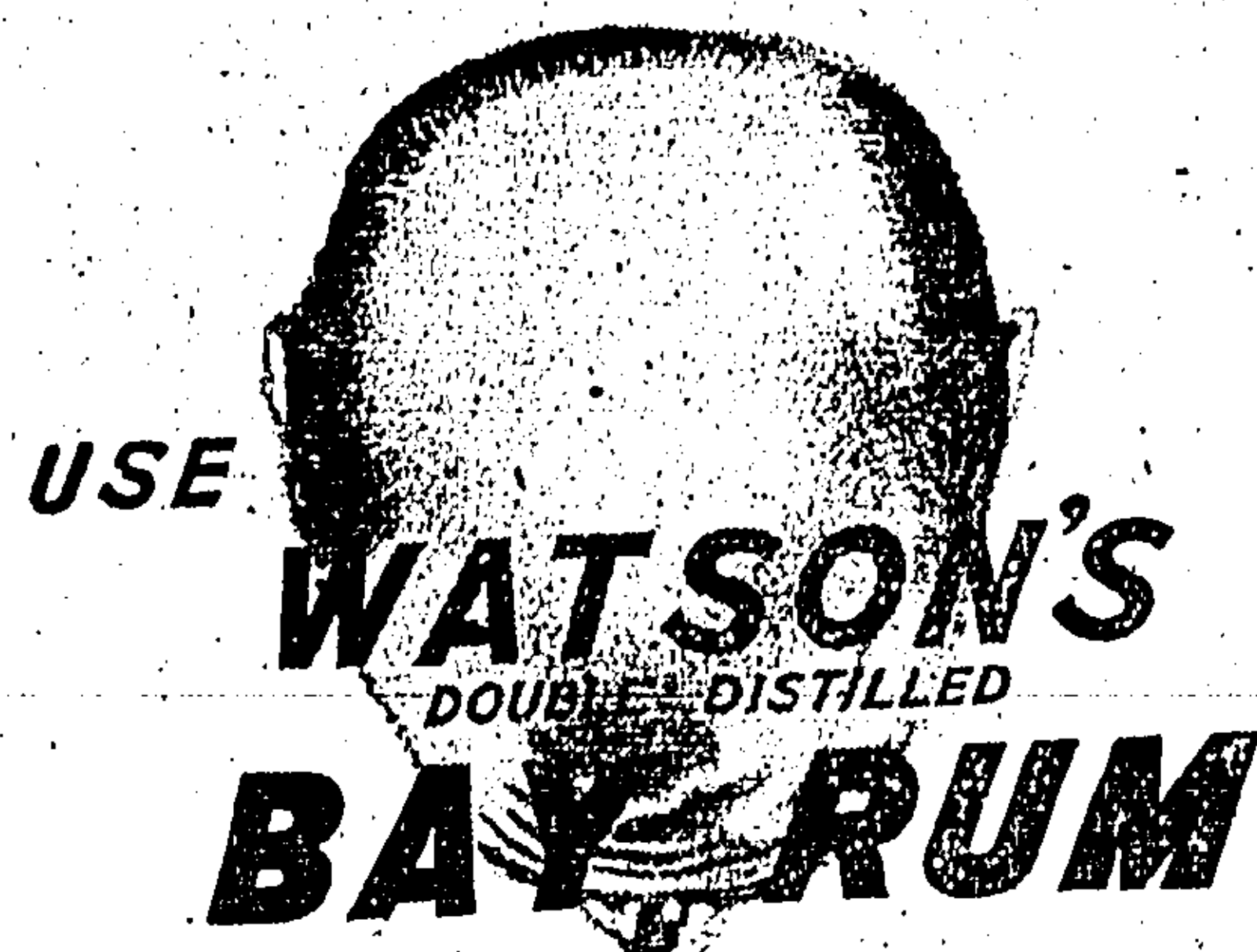
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DEATH

LARKEN.—On December 29, 1940, at 3 p.m., Jean, the beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Larken, aged 8 years. Cortege will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

The Hongkong Telegraph

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"A Victorious New Year"

TO-MORROW is New Year's Eve—eve of a year fraught with tremendous possibilities. It may well see eliminated from the world the cruel, avaricious despotism of dictatorship; this, at least is the hope and the New Year wish of that part of the universe whose faith in the rightfulness and righteousness of freedom and democracy remains unshaken.

But ere this total destruction of brutal Totalitarianism is accomplished, there must be days of anguish and anxiety; it is inevitable. The enemy of our cause is still materially strong; and as he sees Nemesis overtaking him he will become desperate and more vindictive. Experts in military strategy appear to be convinced that Hitler must and will attempt an invasion of Britain; and the people of Britain are alive to the danger. They stand ready to meet and repulse any such threat. They are not boastful about their ability to defeat Hitler's final throw for the domination of Europe and a large part of the rest of the world, but their quiet determination is backed by confidence in their fighting men and material—confidence begot by experience; the experience of the great aerial victories in the opening stages of the battle of Britain.

It is Hongkong's destiny to watch this grim and stupendous struggle from afar; we can help with our money—and may it never be more lavishly given than in the new year of 1941—but it will be hard to avoid a feeling of helpless impotency as we continue daily to be spectators of a fight, the decision of which is to affect the future of mankind. We can, however, in thoughts and prayers, be with those who are near and dear in the terrible ordeal which they are suffering to-day and which still lies before them.

Let us, therefore, make this week's greetings a "Victorious

ISLANDERS DIDN'T SEE 'DARING COUP'

FOR hours after the Germans occupied Guernsey, had taken charge of the few of the Guernsey men knew they were there.

Fred Hockey, the signaller at the end of St Peter Port harbour, who later escaped with no arms and no ammunition to speak of. The officers went to the telephone exchange and disconnected it, and warned the man in charge that if he touched the cable gear he would be severely punished.

On the morning of Sunday, June 30, he saw a German plane land somewhere in the south, and speedily rise again. In the afternoon he saw another plane dip, and that one did not rise.

All that evening he watched large, lumbering planes going back and forth from the coast of France, and all that night he heard the drone of their engines.

Saw Nothing

But of Germans he saw nothing the following morning, and it was only afterwards that he learned how the invasion had taken place, so that he could tell it to me in detail.

This is what happened. At about half-past ten on that Sunday morning a German plane circled and landed on the Guernsey airport, which was deserted.

A German officer stepped from the plane, went into the operations room, unbuckled his revolver, and laid it on the table. He was there for about ten minutes, when a British plane came in sight from the direction of England.

The German officer ran so hastily to his own plane that he forgot to pick up his revolver, and took off again. The airport was silent.

At half-past two in the afternoon a German plane landed on the airport again, and this time three officers got out (one of them reclaiming his revolver from the table in the operations room).

They approached a solitary policeman standing near the airport, and asked him, in perfect English, to fetch the officials of the island.

No Resistance

The policeman telephoned the station, and soon the bailiff and the police inspector came down in the police car.

The German officers asked for the Guernsey papers, which were handed to them at the police station and the Royal Court.

New Year," for only by victory in the battle against Hitlerism can the world realise happiness and prosperity which, in normal times, are the sentiments extended at this season.

Within two hours they had taken charge of the island, although few Guernsey men knew they were there at all.

Those who did know realised it was hopeless to resist with no arms and no ammunition to speak of.

The officers went to the telephone exchange and disconnected it, and warned the man in charge that if he touched the cable gear he would be severely punished.

They hurried to the northern tip of the island, where the cable runs to England, disconnected it, and warned the man in charge that if he touched the cable gear he would be severely punished.

Then they took charge of the other cable at the southern point, that leads to France.

At that time Fred Hockey knew none of these things, though he guessed there was some dirty work going on.

This is the second instalment of the first full description of the occupation of the Channel Islands by the Nazis, told by Fred Hockey, of St Peter Port, to

DUDLEY BARKER

"I was off duty for the afternoon," he said, "and I had just had dinner, and was going off with George, Harold and a friend to spend a few hours on the beach."

"That was when we saw the German plane drop down to the airport, and although we waited it did not rise again."

"We Sat Staring"

"There didn't seem anything we could do, so we just went on to the beach and sat there all the afternoon, wondering what it was all about."

"The boys didn't have the heart to go bathing. We just sat there, staring at the sea, and not talking very much."

"It seemed to make it worse that all this was happening in such perfect sunshine, and such a peaceful place."

"We went home for tea, and then I got on my bicycle to go to work at St Peter Port. All the people were standing by the doorsteps again, and some called to ask if I had any news, but I knew no more than they did."

"I cycled on into the town, and still I saw nothing unusual, except that everything seemed quiet and nervy. There were no Germans to be seen."

"I went out to relieve my mate at the signal station, and he asked me what I thought of things now."

"Don't like the look of them," I said. "I believe that was a German plane that came down on the airport."

"He went off home, and I was left alone in the signal station. There was nothing to do. Nobody came near me. No ships came into the harbour."

Drone of Planes

"It was all deadly quiet, except for the drone of the big troop-carrying planes that started to come over about six o'clock and kept it up all night."

"At midnight one of the local policemen came to relieve me (one of the signallers had slipped away at the last moment in the pig-boat from Alderney)."

FUNNY SIDE UP By Abner Dean



"You can never tell what the future holds in store for you... when I was a kid they said I was a born leader!"

"The policeman had no definite news either. He asked me what things were like, and I said, 'Very slack. Except for those planes going over, and I don't know quite what to make of that.'"

"The policeman said that all we could do now was hope for the best, and it was his belief the Germans had arrived."

"I got my bicycle and went home, and still there was nothing unusual to see. The island was very still, except for the sound of those planes and the sound of the sea."

"It was a lovely night. Everything was all right when I got home, so I just went to bed."

First Germans

"Next morning I went down to the sea wall at Bordeaux Bay, which was the usual meeting place for us villagers, and there were about a hundred people there, sitting on the wall, talking, looking out to sea."

"They knew I had been duty at the harbour, so they asked me for news—but I had none to give them."

"Then two German officers drove by in a car."

"They were the first we had seen, and we were too surprised to do anything but stare at them."

"They were eating some fruit, which they had bought that morning from Le Riche's shop in St Peter Port, paying in Guernsey marks. The car was a Guernsey car they had commandeered."

"They were driving alone, cool as you please, in the sunshine, towards Fort Doyle. We stared at them, and they smiled at us and saluted. Then they were gone."

"Nobody said anything, except that I muttered something headed pigs."

"Well, that answered all our questions, the Germans were here all right, so the meeting on the seawall broke up and I went home to breakfast."

"While I was sitting at breakfast in my kitchen two more German soldiers went by, on German motor bikes that they must have brought with them in the planes. They didn't interfere with anybody."

Patrols On Roads

"By noon the place suddenly seemed to be full of Germans. By nightfall they were all in their positions, and the German patrols were out on the roads."

"And that's how the Germans occupied Guernsey. It may be laugh a bit, a day or two later, to read the German communiqués about it, which was printed in our newspapers."

The German communiqué said:

"The British island of Guernsey was captured in a daring coup de main by detachments of the German Air Force."

"In an air fight the German reconnaissance aeroplanes shot down two Bristol Blenheim bombers."

TO-MORROW: SWASTIKA. THE FIRST DAY.

The Mere Man

Growing Our Own Food

After the Great War of 1914-18, it was widely realised in Britain that there was need to make the country as self-sufficient as possible in the matter of food. Obviously, complete self-sufficiency, in insular territory with a large population, cannot be attained. Yet, there were important items in respect of which Britons could make themselves independent of outside supply. But there was more to talk than action; and whilst in many other countries, particularly in the totalitarian states, vast agricultural experiments and conservation schemes were seen, British people made no progress in this direction. The Briton, in a peaceful period, is not easily roused from his dislike of innovations, and it has remained for the present war to pull him from his lethargy.

But what has been accomplished already, by quickened effort with far-seeing direction from the Government's food experts, has been gratifying. The latest news is that tens of thousands of acres, which have lain waterlogged, will soon be under cultivation as a result of land-drainage schemes being pushed ahead in many parts of the country. Land which has been derelict for years will now "grow for victory."

So successful have agricultural plans in Britain become from the pooling of brains and energy that there is a temptation to ask ourselves if, here in Hongkong, we cannot do the same. Different geographical and economic factors naturally will require particular problems and needs, but there is no reason why we should not be equally successful in our bid to make this Colony, if not self-sufficient, at least less dependent on other sources, for some of our food.

With regard to vegetables, poultry and dairy goods, we have seen the enterprise of certain small local experiments achieve fruition. The conviction grows that Hongkong can be made to supply a good deal of its own food, and Government, to whom the matter must be of vital concern, should urgently consider the matter from the point of view of economy as well as defence.

I understand that Government has already made some preliminary investigations into the subject, and that a report on the possibilities has been prepared.

Queer Football Game

I was interested the other day to read that in a football match in Europe all twenty-two players were ordered off the field by the referee. They were allowed to come back later to continue the game.

The report did not mention what action was taken, but I hope the referee stood the offenders in the corners of the changing-rooms until they felt ashamed of themselves.

A friend of mine tells me that the queerest game of football he ever saw was in Turkey. There were about forty thousand people on each side, no goal-posts, and, as far as he could judge, no ball.

Claudius

BARDIA WEAKENS AS BRITISH APPLY INCREASED PRESSURE

Italy Accepts Fall Of Town As Inevitable

LONDON, DEC. 29 (REUTERS).—BARDIA NOW SEEMS TO BE WEAKENING UNDER THE RELENTLESS BRITISH PRESSURE OF THE PAST TEN DAYS AND A CAIRO COMMUNIQUE TO-DAY SAID THAT IN THAT AREA BRITISH GUNS HAD BEEN ACTIVE WITH LITTLE RESPONSE FROM THE ITALIANS.

British pressure is being maintained in other parts of the war zone in Africa. In the Sudan-Abyssinia sector, south-east of Kassala and east of Gallabat, British patrols with artillery support have been harrying the Italians successfully.

In Italy itself, the early fall of Bardia seems to be taken as inevitable. Signor Ansaldo, who takes second place only to Signor Gayda as the leading Italian publicist, declared to-day in a Turin paper that Bardia is in no sense a bastion of the Italian forces in Africa.

In making this statement he ignores Italian broadcasts of the past few days to the effect that the resistance at Bardia proved the strength, courage and resolution of the Italian troops and also proved how fruitless the British offensive was doomed to become.

According to Signor Ansaldo, the Italians in Bardia are holding out because of their irritation at the British boasting after Sidi Barrani.

Italian Planes Downed

CAIRO, Dec. 29 (Reuters).—Two Italian aircraft were brought down and five others were damaged during an encounter between R.A.F. fighters and a large formation of enemy bombers escorted by fighters.

Announcing this, the R.A.F. Headquarters in the Middle East also says that during an R.A.F. raid on Tobruk on the night of December 26, fires were started but the full extent of the damage could not be observed.

The enemy bombed Sollum but only slight damage was caused.

Arabs Delighted

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuters).—The southern Arabs have never been closer to the British than they are now, reports a British official who has just returned to Aden from a tour of the Hadramaut region of southern Arabia.

The victories in the West Desert have given great delight to the Arabs and have brought relief to the coastal Arabs who have learned to hate Mussolini and Fascism.



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SHOT-BY RUMOUR

—Case Of Charlie Kunz, Pianist—

CHARLIE KUNZ, famous dance-tune pianist, is still at liberty.

That fact is news because rumour-mongers have sent him to jail for ten years, deported him and even had him shot.

The story going round, a painfully absurd one, is that Charlie has been tapping out Morse messages to the enemy on his piano during broadcasts.

Spy Rumours

Spy rumours about Charlie started in London, and circulated to many parts of the country.

No one knows who started them. The pianist was away from London on a long tour when they began.

These rumours are silly, but none the less embarrassing," said Kunz to a reporter.

Charlie, now playing in Liverpool, is an American who has lived and worked in Britain for 20 years.

Sing Tao Win Decisively

(Continued from Page 6.)

far back. There was more than a semblance of understanding amongst them, but they found in Sing Tao's defence their masters of the occasion. Chin Chi-fun made a very good leader.

It was not long after the kick off that the superiority of Sing Tao's play was in evidence, for after Lee Kwok-kee saved from Lai Shui-wing, and with play transferred to midfield, a barrage of shots was kept up, and pressure was only relieved by Fung King-cheung shooting over.

Play was chiefly centred in Kwong Wah's half, and from a through pass by Ip Pak-wah, Lai Shui-wing went through on his own to score with a rising shot. Thereafter there was only one team in the picture, and from one of their occasional raids, Chin Chi-fun had bad luck to see his first time shot striking the upright with Cheong Wing-choy beaten. At the other end, Lai missed an open goal.

Towards the end of the first half, Tang Kwong-sum increased the lead following upon a close passing movement between himself, Fung King-cheung and Lai Shui-wing which culminated in his cutting in to score from close in.

Listless Football

After the lemon, play became listless, as Sing Tao dominated the whole of the exchanges. Kwong Wah's passes were invariably intercepted in midfield, and with Sing Tao's intermediate trio keeping a wary eye on them, Cheong Wing-choy had very little to do, although he was tested on several occasions by Cheuk Shek-kam, Chin Chi-fun and Lau Fook-chuen from well outside the area.

It was only a matter of goals, and from an incessant attack, Fung King-cheung scored after a close passing bout, to be followed soon after by Lai Shui-wing's header from a pass by Yeung Shui-yick. Sing Tao were decidedly in the ascendancy in this period, and secured only the stout clearances and first-time tackling saved Kwong Wah from a heavier defeat.

SING TAO: Cheong Wing-choy, Hou Yung-sang, Lee Tin-sang, Tsui Ah-fai, Soong Ling-sing, Luk Tai-hang, Tang Kwong-sum, Fung King-cheung, Lai Shui-wing, Ip Pak-wah, Yeung Shui-yick.

KWONG WAH: Lee Kwok-kee, Leung Pak-wai, Chung Fai-lum, Cheung Shui-fai, Chung Kim-fai, Yeung Chi-cheung, Cheuk Shek-kam, Tin Yung-fat, Chin Chi-fun, Lau Fook-chuen, Wong King-cheung.

Exchange At A Glance

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T.T. U.S.A.	20 1/2
T.T. Manila	4 1/2
T.T. Batavia	4 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140
T.T. Saigon	101 1/4
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T.T. Switzerland	90 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/0 1/4
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	24 1/4
4 m/s France	Nom.
30 d/s India	84 1/4
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/2

Aircraft Over Eire — Unidentified

DUBLIN, Dec. 29 (Reuters).—Unidentified aircraft were sighted over Duncarraig and Lochswilly coastal forts shortly after noon to-day, states the Eirean Department of Defence.

Anti-aircraft batteries opened fire and the aircraft flew to the north-east.

Later in the afternoon, a multi-engine military aircraft flew over Dublin and the eastern counties area. A.A. artillery south of the capital opened fire and an interceptor patrol immediately took off, but the intruder disappeared into thick clouds before she could be identified.

Plot Against Ibn Saud

Conspirators Caught

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuters).—The Saudi-Arabian Legation in Cairo stated to-day that a plot against King Ibn Saud had been discovered. Two persons had been sentenced to death and others had been sent to prison.

Before the news was made public the Italian radio had already started to accuse the British of complicity in the deed.

The accusations are fantastic state London circles, who said that it was obviously ridiculous that the British should harbour malice against an old and tried friend.

Franco-German Negotiations

Petain Uninformative

VICHY, Dec. 29 (Reuters).—Marshal Petain made a national broadcast this afternoon but threw no light on the present Franco-German negotiations which have been the subject of a big crop of week-end rumours.

He confined himself to a moral appeal to French youth and men for self-sacrifice and team spirit.

Bitter Anti-Nazi Feeling
LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuters).—Bitter anti-German feeling in France was admitted to-day by the German-controlled Paris radio.

The announcer complained that when the R.A.F. bombers made their raids, a French woman said, "The English at last. May God bless their bombs."

Matsuoka Speech Hotly Criticised

American Resentment

Special to the "Telegraph"

TIENTSIN, Dec. 29 (UP).—The American Chamber of Commerce in Tientsin has vigorously denounced Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka's speech of December 19, which claimed that Japan had shut no trade door anywhere and that there was no conquest, oppression or exploitation under the "New Order."

In a lengthy official statement, the Chamber called attention to what had happened in Manchuria since the Japanese occupied it, and asserted that "what is happening now in the north of China is similar to what has occurred in Manchuria."

"May we remind the Foreign Minister of what has taken place in Manchuria during the nine years of Japanese occupation?" the Chamber asked. "Free trade and free competition is no longer possible under the Japanese régime."

The Chamber asked why American business men in Manchuria were compelled to close up their business and leave, and added that American and other oil firms had practically abandoned Manchuria.

Plan To Oust Americans

"The truth is easy to find for those who wish to see it," said the Chamber. "Free trade and free competition is no longer possible under Japanese regulations. What is happening now in North China is similar to what has happened in Manchuria. A plan is gradually developing to oust Americans and their business in the same manner as in Manchuria."

The Chamber said that since 1937 the Japanese had imposed numerous trade monopolies, embargoes and restrictions in China, and that raw material purchases from the interior were only possible through Japanese monopolies. It added that export trade controls had forced Americans to curtail their business because they could not compete with Japanese exporters.

Threaten Doom

Import restrictions in North China threaten to doom automobile imports, as well as imports of American canned goods, cosmetics, photographic supplies, clothing, hosiery and numerous other items which are on the restricted list, the Chamber declared.

American carpet manufacturers in North China are closing their factories, "thus throwing thousands of Chinese workmen out of their jobs" because the Japanese do not allow the factories to obtain the necessary wool.

The Chamber added that lots of wool belonging to two American firms were seized by Japanese military authorities, who thus far had ignored a United States consular protest against the seizure.

Travel Restrictions

The Chamber also attacked Japanese travel restrictions, asserting that they were so strict that Americans could go to the interior only rarely. "The Japanese trade barriers, monopolies, embargoes and restrictions are working well and all is done with the obvious aim of forcing out American business firms and Americans from North China," said the Chamber. "There are the facts and actions" that count, as stated by Ambassador Joseph Grew in replying to Mr. Matsuoka's speech.

Referring to Mr. Matsuoka's words that American interest in China was largely sentimental, the Chamber said that prior to 1937, the United States' trade with China was larger than that of any other country, adding that "if that be sentiment, we agree that the United States is a sentimental country."

NO. CENSUS NEXT YEAR

Contrary to custom, no census of the population of Hongkong will be taken in 1941, it is understood. Hongkong is no exception for it is not intended that any census be taken in any British Territory next year. At first it was proposed to make a modified survey. This plan, has been dropped on instructions from London. By world agreement, a census is normally taken every ten years.

60% Of U.S. Favours More Aid For Britain

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuters).—No less than 60 per cent. of the population of the United States now realises that it is more important to aid Britain even at the risk of entering the war than to keep out at all costs.

The latest Gallup survey shows, the "New York Times" reports, that in response to the question: "Do you believe that the Germans intend to make slaves of the people of Europe, and to control American trade and industry?" no less than 60 per cent. answered "Yes."

The second world war has arrived and Germany will attack the United States as soon as it suits her, said the "New York Herald-Tribune" in a leading article to-day. Aid to Britain is a necessity which permits of no hesitation, the paper concludes.

Honeywell Scores 63 For H.M.S. Tamar

H.M.S. TAMAR beat Royal Engineers by 24 runs in a cricket match at King's Park yesterday. Feature of the match was an excellent innings of 63 for Honeywell which enabled Tamar to declare at 146 for 8 wickets. Middle batsmen of the Sappers contributed steadily, but fell 24 runs short of their opponents' total.

Scores: H.M.S. Tamar—146 for 8 dec. (Honeywell 63, Ldg. Tel. West 32). R. Engineers—128 (Shaw 28, Goss 20 not out. West 4 for 50, Allison 3 for 48, Horgan 2 for 7).

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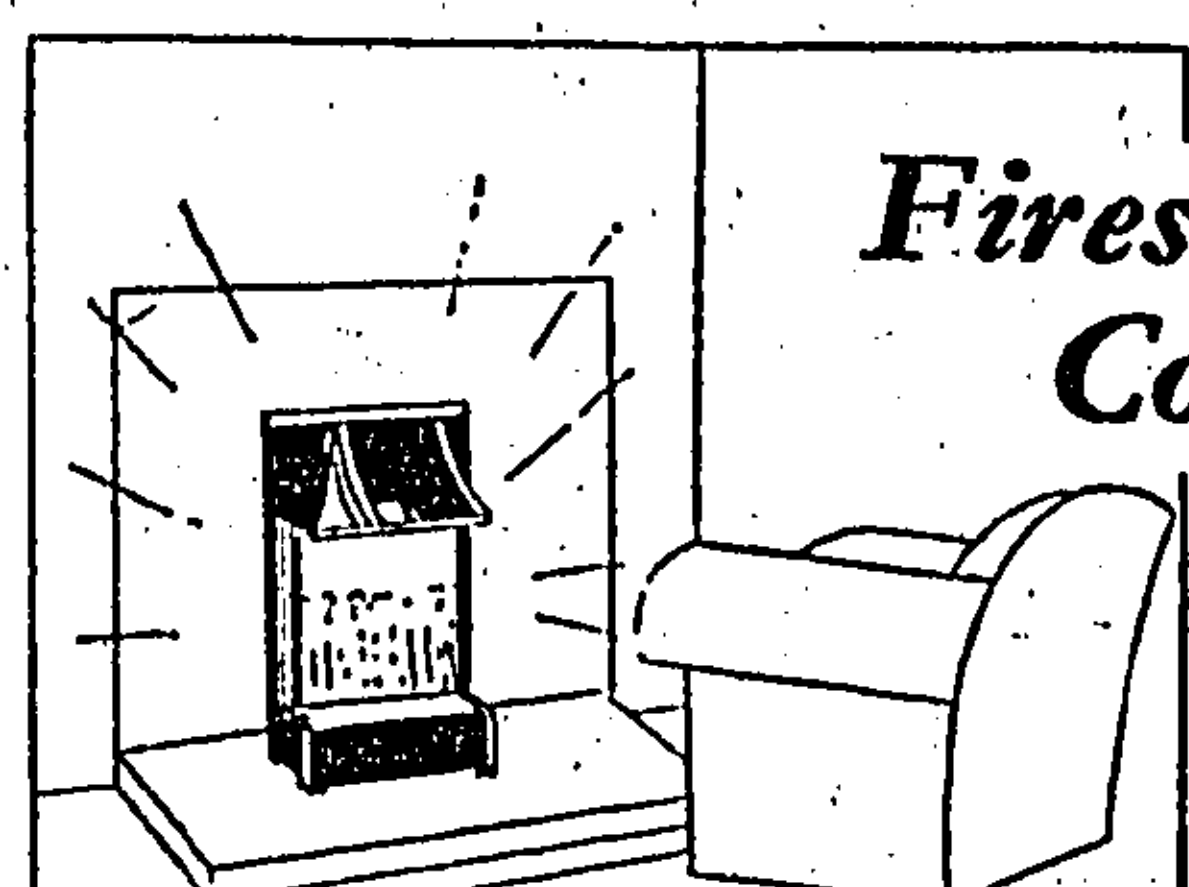


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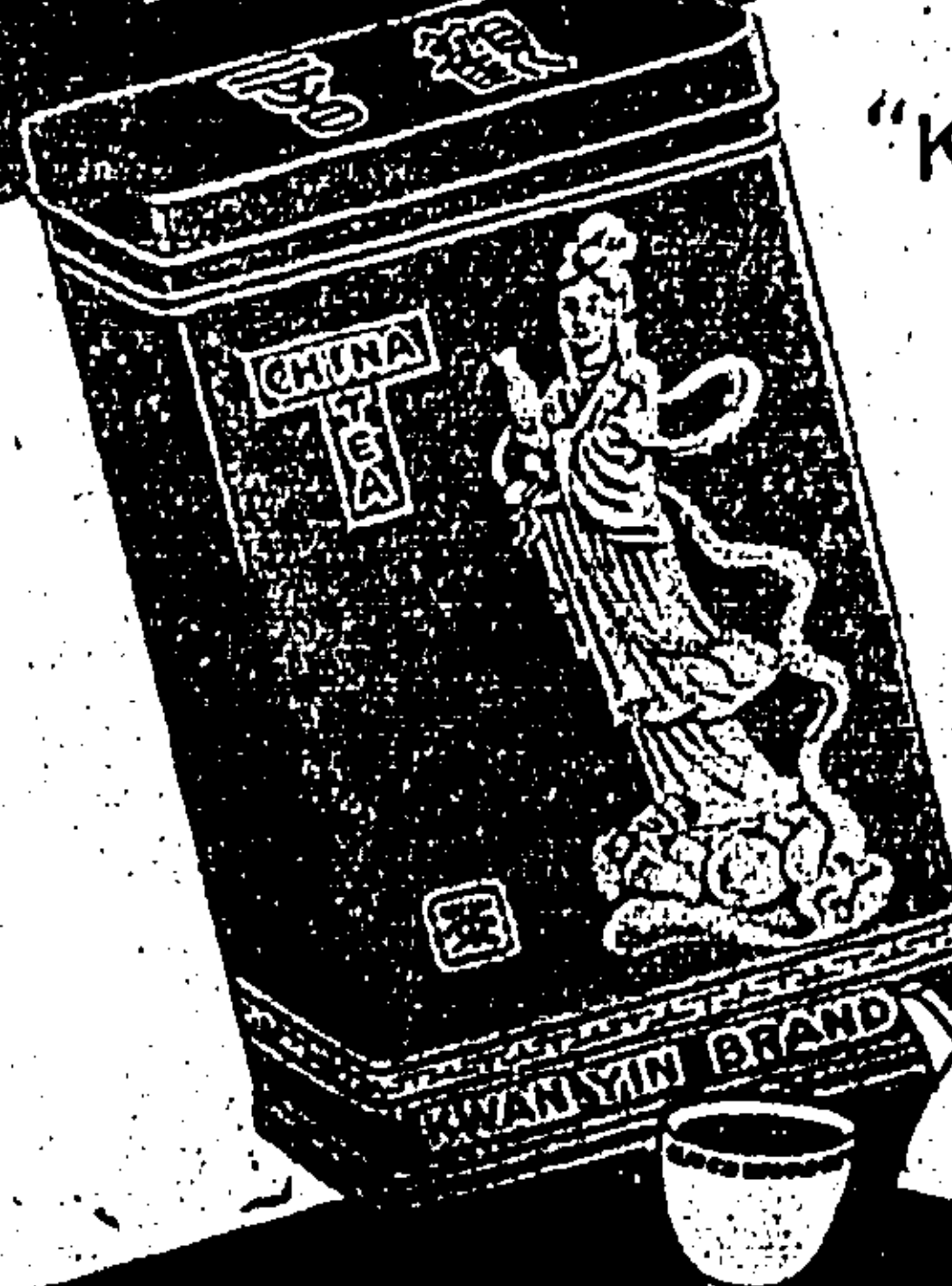
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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

Decisive Win For Sing Tao Rousing Display By Navy

Superior All-Round Combination Proves Too Much For Kwong Wah

(By "SCRAMBLER")

WITH AN ALL ROUND superior combination and understanding, Sing Tao were able to inflict a four-nil defeat on Kwong Wah yesterday in the first division of the Football league at Club ground. There was never any doubt as to the ultimate result of the game from the start, for Sing Tao went right off to work with their methodical team work of passing and combination.

MASTERFUL DEFENDERS

The defence of Sing Tao had from the beginning the mastery of the situation, for during the whole of the game, Kwong Wah's attackers were unable to penetrate the pair of Sing Tao's strong backs, and Cheong Wing-choy had less than a dozen shots to deal with in the course of the whole game.

Whereas the Sing Tao mixed their play with short and long passes, Kwong Wah maintained the short passing game, and every one of their passes went astray or found an opponent in possession of same. It was just that bit of superior tactic on the part of Sing Tao that lost the game for their opponents, for they have not for a long time found this harmonic understanding.

In goal, Cheong Wing-choy had very little to do, and all his saves were from well outside the penalty area, and he dealt capably with them. The pair of backs, Hou Yung-sang and Lee Tin-sung cleared and kicked cleanly, and were at no time troubled. They covered their front men well, and their positional play had the attacks well frustrated.

The intermediate trio of Tsui Ah-fai, Soong Ling-sing, and Luk Tat-tang were masters in midfield play, and despite the ever presence of the two-wingers with their dashes down the line, they were there to do what was required of them. Soong Ling-sing in particular was a great strategist, his coverings of the inside trio was excellent. He played a very useful game, combining defence with attack.

Good Forwards

It has been a long time since I have seen the nice, precise movements of the Sing Tao's forwards in action, for on yesterday's play, they combined well to a "T". There was never a weak link amongst them, and Ip Pok-wah's foraging of the ball and his distribution to his men were an object lesson to watch.

Fung King-cheung and Lai Shui-wing did their share of the work, and assisted well in their attack. Fung King-cheung has lost none of his clever footwork and leadership. The two wingers did as were required, and both were responsible for the goals scored.

Of Kwong Wah's team, they went about their work half heartedly. Only for the first ten minutes of the game were they able to hold the nippy Sing Tao forwards, and thereafter, it was just a question of keeping them out. Their positional play left much to be desired, and understanding between the backs and intermediate trio was sadly lacking at times.

Lee Kwok-kee had no chance with the goals that were scored against him, and on the whole, performed creditably. His pair of backs, although they kicked and cleared quite well on occasions were never really steady, their markings of the opposition were very much at fault, although it must be admitted that they were up against a much faster and brainer team. Leung Pak-wai was the better of the two.

Weak Link

The half back trio were never able to settle down, their passes often missed its mark and more often than not found their opponents in possession of same. This was the weak link in their team, and the wingers of Sing Tao had plenty of room to move about.

In the front line, both wingers when in possession of the ball, sent across good centres, and on several occasions these centres went begging due to the inside trio remaining too

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Golf

F. Groves Wins Fanling Championship

In the final of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club's Championship at Fanling on Sunday, F. Groves beat Col. H. H. Rose by 2 and 1 after being 2 up at the 18th. The golf was of only moderate standard but the match was close and interesting.

Country Club Junior Semi-Finals

SEMI-FINALS of the Junior Championship of the Country Club, Sheungshui, were played yesterday. W. C. Hung beat M. F. Pinnia 1 up. A. R. Pinnia beat R. E. Lee 5 and 4.

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

First round matches in the women's championship were: Miss M. K. Churn beat Mrs. Oel. Mrs. F. E. A. Remedios beat Miss M. B. Churn. Miss A. Sequeira beat Mrs. B. Botelho. Miss Oel beat Miss C. Maxwell.

Kowloon B. G. C. "At Home" And Closing Day

Chinese R. C. Entertain Visitors

An "At Home" was held at the Chinese Recreation Club, Causeway Bay, yesterday, when a large number of members participated in an American mixed doubles tennis tournament. The prizes won during the past season were distributed at the end of the afternoon by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, after the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Wong Kwok-long, had briefly reviewed the season's activities.

The following were the prize-winners: Club singles championship—Winner, Tsui Wah-pui; Runner-up, Tsui Yan-pui. Club doubles championship—Winners, Paul Kung and Tsui Yan-pui; Runners-up, Tsui Wah-pui and Lee Wan-tung. Club handball singles—Winner, Ho Ka-lau; Runner-up, Wei Chun-tung. Club handball doubles—Winners, Ma Shiu-tung and Chun Tak-chun; Runners-up, Lee Wan-tung and Cheung Sang. Club junior singles championship—Winner, Cheung Sang; Runner-up, Chu Po-hang. "A" Division Winners (Colony Tennis League)—Messrs Paul Kung (Capt.), Ng Wan-pui, Tsui Yan-pui, Lu Tak-cheuk, Lee Wan-tung, Willie Hung, Luk Ding-cheung, Wang Ching, Tak-chun and Wong Hok-lung. "B" Division Winners (Colony Tennis League)—Messrs Paul Kung (Capt.), Ng Wan-pui, Tsui Yan-pui, Lu Tak-cheuk, Lee Wan-tung, Willie Hung, Luk Ding-cheung, Wang Ching, Tak-chun and Wong Hok-lung. "C" Division Winners (Colony Tennis League)—Messrs Pang O-lam (Capt.), Lau Fook-ki, Chu Chun-chu, Wei Chun-tung, Ma Wan-kwong, Lam Yuk-ying, Yew Man-tai, Lee Yue-wing, Ma Shiu-tung and Hon. Secretary, Mr. Wong Kwok-long. American Tournament—Winners, Miss Young Wan-hun and Lam Yuk-ying. Winners (B Section), Lee Chan-yau and Pang O-lam; Winners (C Section), Lee Yue-wing and Lui Chuen-wah.

Softball

Baseballers Trounce Saints

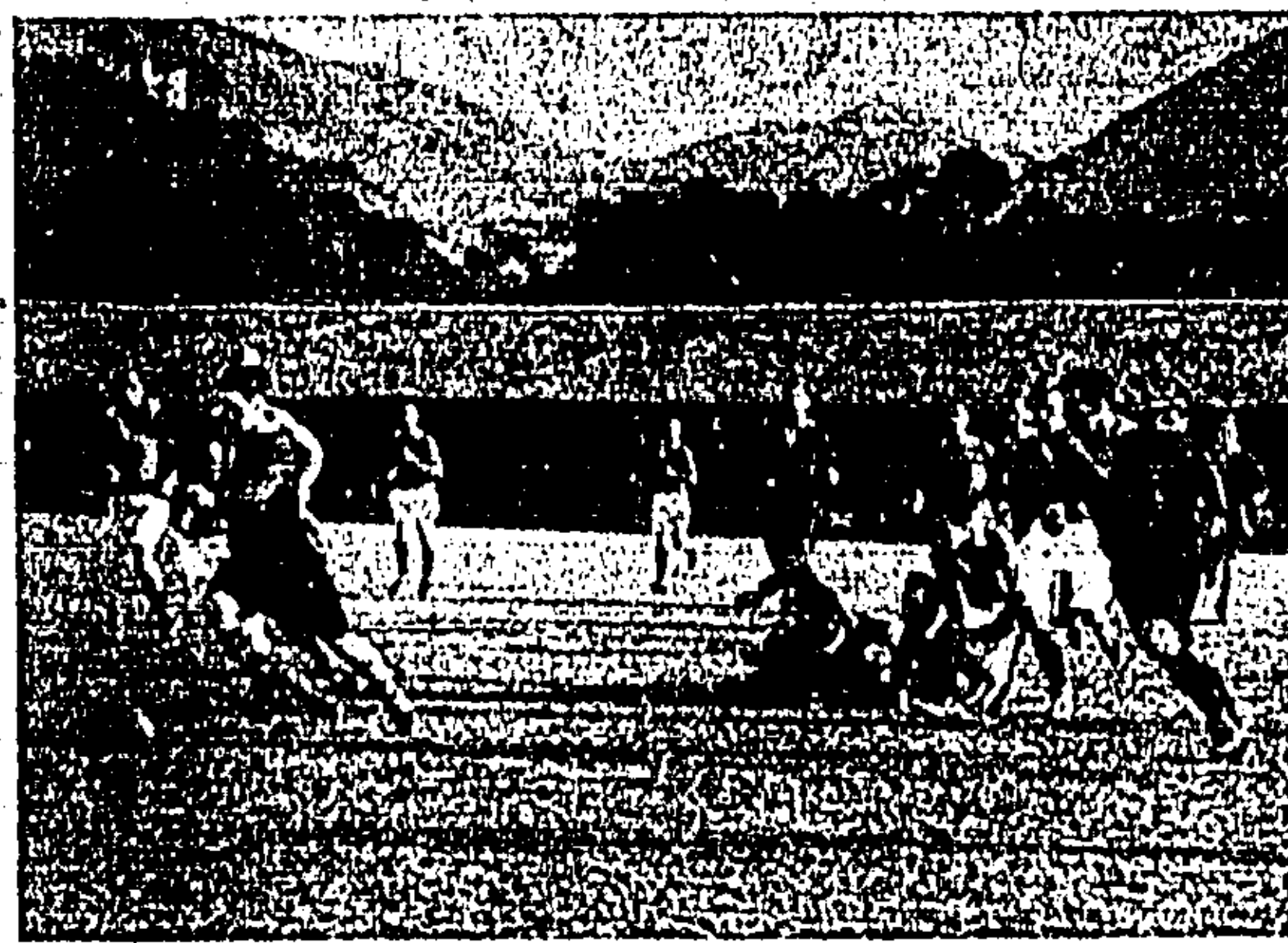
H.K. BASEBALLERS lifted their supporters from their seats with a smashing 10-3 victory over St. Joseph's during the week-end Softball League encounter.

But closest win was that of the Cyclones over Canucks by 4-3. Cyclones trailed 2-3 until the last frame when they romped home with the two winners.

Scores in brief were: Panthers 20, Los Florinas 8. Wahoons 13, Cardinals 5. Rumblerettes 28, Chung Hwa 13.

First Division Hongkong Baseballers 10, St. Joseph's 3. Cyclones 4, Canucks 3. Indians 14, Filipinos 8. Second Division Cosmopolitans 17, Engineers 4.

DRIBBLING DOWN THE WING



Bowden (Navy) dribbling the ball down the wing in the Navy-Army Quadrangular Rugby match at Happy Valley on Saturday. O'Riordan (Navy) is covering up behind.—Ming Yuen.

Athletics

10,000 Metres Record Broken At S. China Meet

A NEW RECORD for the 10,000 metres race, open to the Colony, was established by Lee Yuk-fung at the annual athletic meet of the South China Athletic Association at Caroline Hill yesterday.

Lee's new time was 38 minutes 7 seconds, against the old time of 39 minutes 31.6 seconds.

Seventeen competitors took the field in this event and the majority finished the course. Cpl. P. Manson (Royal Scots), well-known as a long distance runner, dropped out of the race after completing 17 of the 25 rounds of the course. Signalman A. Lewis (Royal Corps of Signals) was second, approximately 300 metres behind the winner, and Lam Kin-fun was third.

The highlight of the meet was the 400 metres relay open to the Colony, in which Ling Nam University took first place with a time of 48 secs., followed by South China and Wah Yan College in that order. South China, which won the relay in the last two years, was tipped to win again this year, but the unexpected performance put up by the Ling Nam foursome turned the tables.

At the conclusion of the meet, Mr. Fok Po-chol, Director of the Bank of Canton, presented the prizes.

Following were the results: 100 metres—1. Yu Kai-yun; 2. Sin Kwok-pun. Time, 12 secs. 400 metres—1. Cheung Chau; 2. Sin Kwok-pun; 3. Chung Kai-pui. Time, 61.3 secs. 110 metres High hurdles—1. Wong Kai-lin; 2. Lui Kwai-chu; 3. Chu Fook-shing. Time, 19.2 secs. Javelin Throw—1. Tam Ho-chuen; 2. Chu Fook-shing; 3. Tang Kwan-ming. Distance, 30.8 metres. Pole Vault—1. Fong Chi-hung; 2. Chu Fook-shing; 3. Kwan Chi-pui. Height, 9 ft. 3 ins. 200 metres—1. Cheung Chau; 2. Sin Kwok-pun; 3. Long Kai-ming. Time, 23.1 secs. Discus Throw—1. Yee Kai-yun; 2. Chu Fook-shing. Distance, 24.5 metres. Long Jump—1. Wang Ki-ling; 2. Chu Fook-shing; 3. Tang Kwan-ming. Distance, 5.08 metres. 1,600 metres—1. Chan Chau-wai; 2. Li Pun-yan; 3. Lum Kin-fung. Time, 8 mins 2 secs. 800 metres—1. Li Pun-yan; 2. Chan Chau-wai; 3. Lau Shum-chi. Time, 3 mins 23.3 secs. 400 metres low hurdles—1. Leung Kai-ming; 2. Wong Sui-chuen; 3. Tang Kwan-ming. Time, 62.4 secs. High Jump—1. Tang Kwan-ming; 2. Fong Chi-hung; 3. Tang Kwan-ming. Height, 1.64 metres. Hop, Step and Jump—1. Wong Ki-ling; 2. Cheung Tung-hoi. Distance, 10.54 metres. 1,000 metres Open Relay—1. South China; 2. Wah Yan College; 3. Ling Nam. Time, 3 mins 58 secs. 400 metres open relay (ladies)—1. French Convent; 2. South China. Time, 18.8 secs. 600 metres open relay—1. Ling Nam University; 2. South China; 3. Wah Yan College. Time, 48 secs. 6,000 metres open relay to the Colony—1. Lee Yuk-fung; 2. Sig. A. Lewis; 3. Lam Kin-fun. Time, 38 mins 7 secs. (record).

Count the "Telegraphs" Everywhere

R.A.P. 25, Scots 2. V.R.C. 28, C.B.A. 11. Shell received a forfeit from Queen's. Friendly. Rumblerettes 16, U. S. S. Tula 8.

Army Defeated 11-0 In Quadrangular Rugby Tournament

(By "Fly-half")

A ROUSING DISPLAY by Navy forwards backed up by sound defence behind the scrum, where Paul and Honeywell were prominent gave Navy victory over Army by 11 points (a goal and two tries) to nil in the Quadrangular Rugby Tournament at Club ground on Saturday.

As in their game against Club a week ago, Navy pack obtained no advantage from the set scrums or lineouts, in which departments Ford and Millar shone respectively for Army. But in the loose, Navy did a lot of attacking although they married it on many an occasion when a heel was called for.

Army backs were given chances but lacked thrust to get through the solid defence of Paul and Honeywell. Hook was not on form. The Army forwards were hard workers, and were unfortunate not to score on a few occasions.

Moranhan was not worried to any extent and performed his task in workmanlike fashion. The whole Navy three-line tackled hard and went determinedly for the line when in possession. Paul was the key man with Honeywell doing some clever work as well.

Unselfish Game

O'Riordan played an unselfish game and gave his three plenty of the ball. Rutherford gave a good long service from the scrum and seems to have a very good understanding with O'Riordan. King and Poole did good work in Navy's pack.

Pleton did not deal with the kicks ahead in any too confident a manner and his touch kicking was not very good. Richards had to do his own foraging generally and was seen more often in defence than attack.

Nether Douglas nor Coombes had the speed nor swerve to round Honeywell and Paul respectively. Hook was slow at stand-off half and gave his three very little time to get off their mark before the opposition was upon them. Wedderburn passed well and kept well up on the ball in the loose.

Millar, Pinkerton and Gillan shone in the Army pack.

The Game

ARMY made most of the going at the beginning, and only had handling ruck scoring chances. Navy, relying on the punt and follow-up, made some dangerous raids.

Paul, following up a kick by Honeywell, caught the ball on a lucky bounce, after Pleton had felled short in his kick to touch, and dodged past several Army men to score at the corner. Ford charged down King's kick.

A breakdown in an Army passing movement gave Bowden an opportunity to carry on with the ball at his feet. Paul, following up, picked up and dashed over to score his second try. King failed to convert.

In the second half, a neat cut-through by Honeywell saw the same player race over and score at the posts. Paul converted.

The teams were: Mr. J. Redman refereed. Navy—Morahan, McGill, Honeywell, Paul and Bowden; O'Riordan and Rutherford; Manfield, Watson (Capt.), Winter, King, Stockham; Longmuir, Beattie and Poole.

Weak Police XV Trowned By Club

CLUB repeated their previous performance by winning by a large margin against Police. In a mid-week game against R.A.M.C., three Police players were injured and the greatly depleted team on Saturday bowed to the tune of 6 points (two penalty goals) to 25 (two goals and five tries).

Police appear to have found a splendid kicker in Rose, who kicked two glorious penalty tries. Cullinan was a distinct failure at full-back. Reynolds and Howlett were the only Police backs to impress. The latter needs more practice to make his moves automatic. Morrison worked hard at the base of the scrum. Police missed Dempsey in the lineouts.

Club three were poor in teamwork, and only so-so individually. Charter and Thomson were a dangerous combination. Burford hooked well, and the forwards to catch the eye were Heasman, until he left the field with a split lip, and Macrae. Club scored tries through Charter, Bosanquet (2), Godfrey (2), Stewart and Thomson. Burford and Charter converted one try each.

The teams were: Club—Thompson; Bosanquet, Morgan, D. Hynes and Stewart; Charter and Thomson; Macrae, Burford, Heasman, Waldeen, Needham, Godfrey, Taylor (Capt.) and Kennedy. Police—Cullinan (Capt.); Reynolds, Howlett, Innes and Dingdale; Jackson and Morrison; Rose, Lewis, Searle; Jenner, Oakley; Wright-Neath, Hogarth and Heasman.

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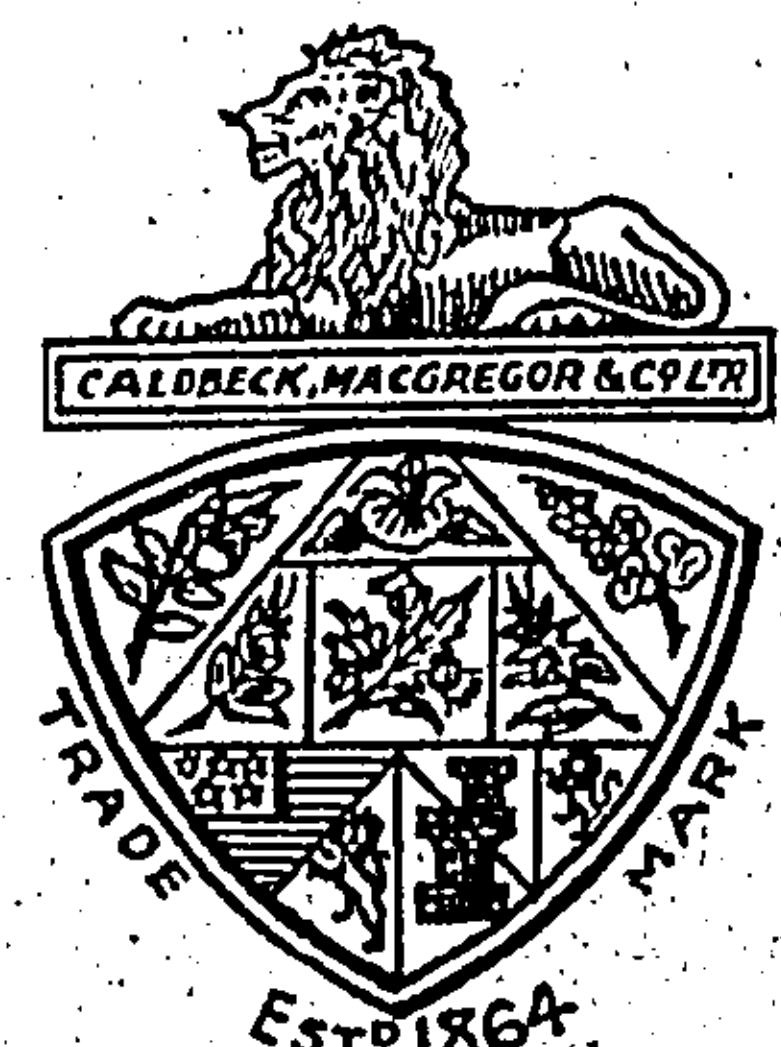
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Navy	5	2	3	0	11
Club	5	2	3	0	6
Army	4	1	1	2	3
Police	4	0	1	3	0

Don Bradman Tries Bowling

Adelaide, Dec. 28. Lieut. Don Bradman, on leave from the Army, bowled the first ball when playing for South Australia against Victoria to-day.

South Australia scored 101 and 421 and Victoria 172 and 263, South Australia winning by 175 runs.—Reuter.

Army—Pleton, Richards, Coombes, Douglas and Macdonald; Hook (Capt.), Dempsey, Millar, Berry; Duke, Pinkerton and Gillan.



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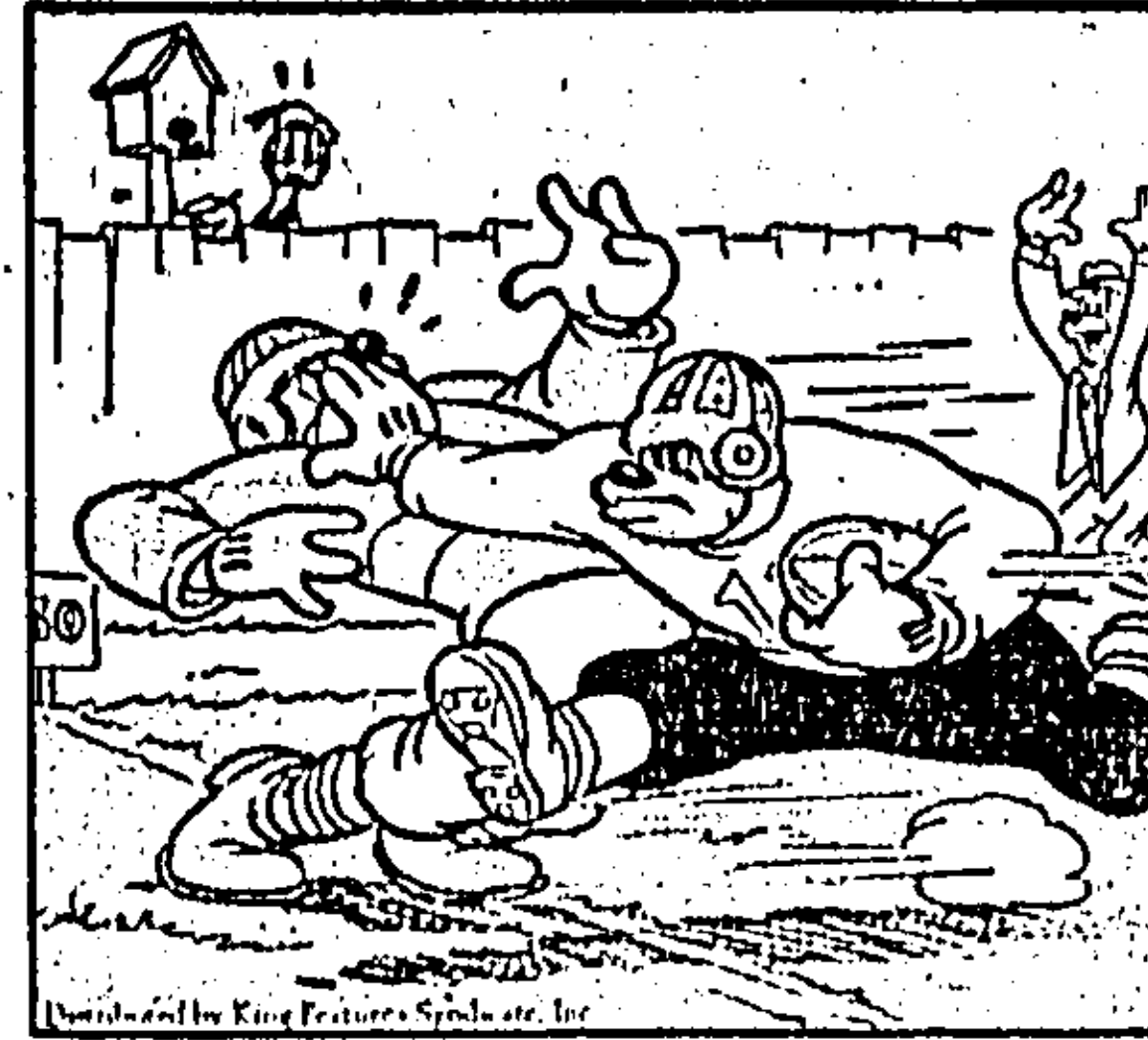
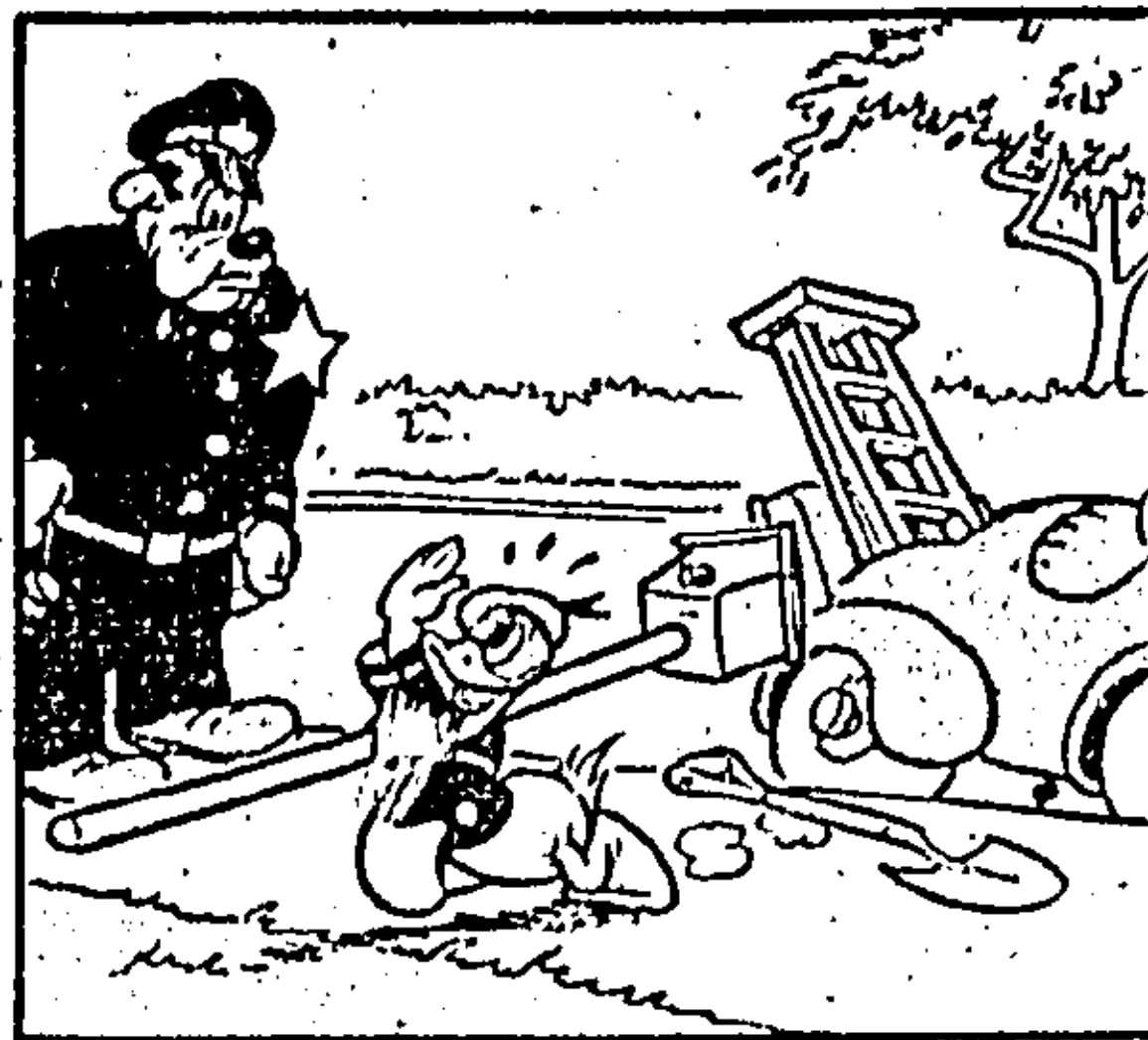
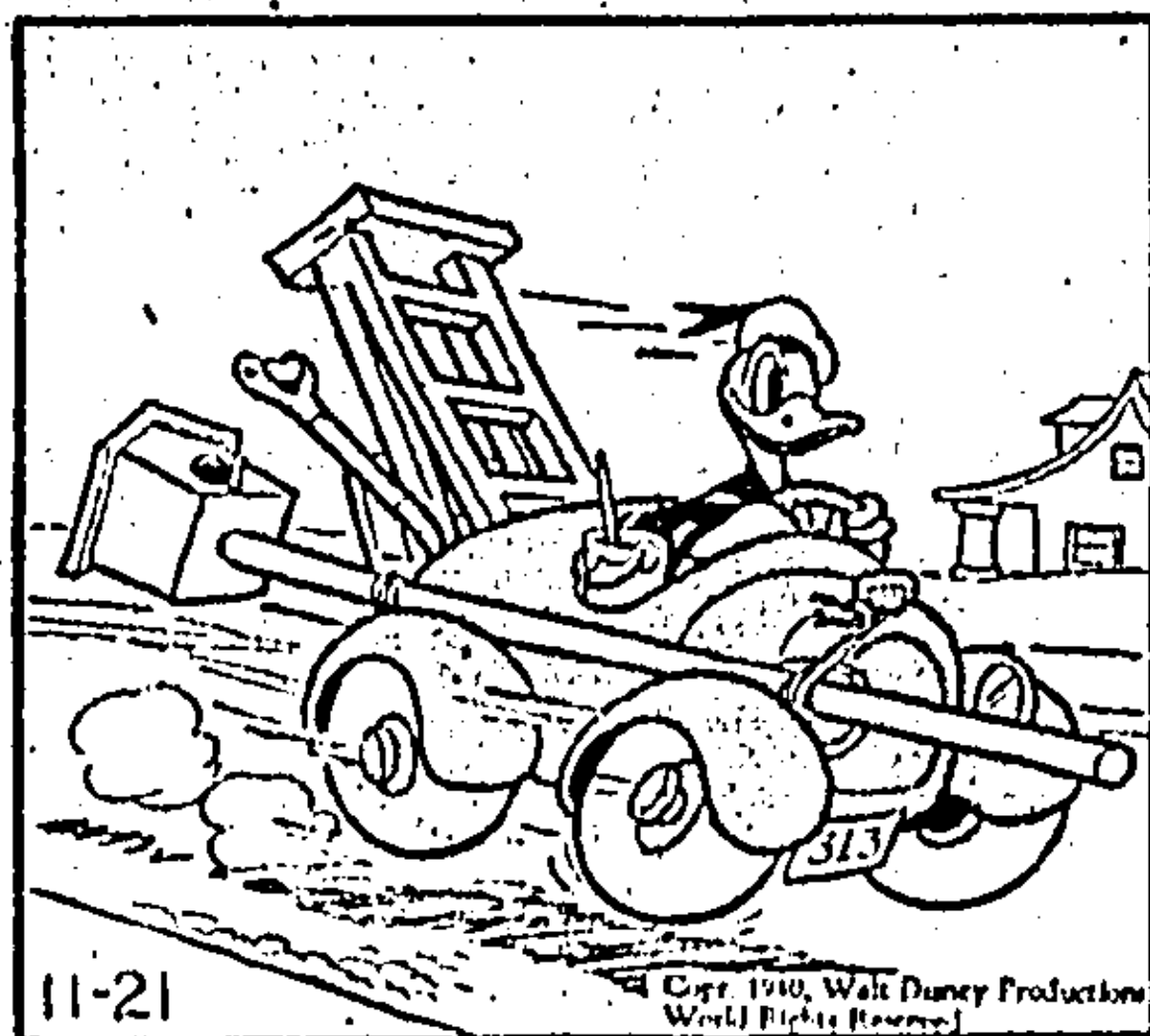
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Chain Letters Defeat Nazi News Suppression

NAZI interlopers are having a distinctly uncomfortable time in Norway and Denmark. They face in both countries a total lack of appreciation of the blessings of German protection.

This is made abundantly clear by reports reaching New York from many sources.

Among the blessings in question are rigid censorship, even of the telephones, and the arrival of more and more Gestapo men.

Then there is food and fuel rationing, while taxes are at a crushing level and education is hindered by the seizure of schools for barracks.

Oil Stocks Plundered

Oil stocks, raw materials and food-stuffs are being plundered, and industry, hitherto flourishing, stagnates. There is in Norway an unlimited supply of new paper money, presumably made in Germany (with a zoning cost of living as a corollary).

Denmark in particular has also to face ruin of the world's most highly-developed agricultural system.

With the Press entirely under the thumb of Goebbels's propaganda machine, chain letters are a favourite method of disseminating news and anti-Nazi feeling.

German troops are described as bewildered and shocked at the lack of friendliness shown by their "racial kinsfolk."

Norwegians and Danes alike refuse to be seen in public places where Germans are present. Whenever a Nazi enters a restaurant, natives ostentatiously leave.

Outside Convention

Asked for directions, a Scandinavian's usual reply is: "I'm sorry, but the Hague Convention does not require me to direct the invader."

German bands, playing carefully learned Scandinavian folk-songs, perform in empty parks.

Spying for Britain is widespread. Details of new fortifications, every troop movement and location of new airports always find their way to Britain.

Wife Would Not Take His Cheque

A HUSBAND'S right to pay his wife's alimony by cheque was challenged at Clerkenwell County Court recently.

Mrs Vera Dorothy Lilian Dilleigh, of Robert Adam-street, W.C., sued her husband, Leslie George Dilleigh, for £12 12s. due to her.

The defence was that the money had been tendered by cheque, that Mrs Dilleigh's solicitors had insisted on payment by cash within three days, and, when it was not paid, brought the action.

"Vexatious"

It was pleaded that the action was "trivial and vexatious and an abuse of the uses of the court."

"Either," said Mr Clifford, the husband's solicitor, "the wife is being spiteful, or her solicitors are trying to emulate the example set by Messrs Dodson and Fog" (the solicitors in "Pickwick Papers").

Mr W. J. Shaw, for the wife, said this was frankly a case of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." The husband and his solicitors had put the wife to every possible trouble.

Unreasonable

He (Mr Shaw) had intimated that he would give a receipt only for payment in cash at his office. His client should not be asked to pay postage on the receipt.

Judge Enderby found that a cheque was not legal tender. At the same time, an ordinary business man would have accepted it. He must, therefore, regard the raising of the action as unreasonable.

The £12 12s. which had been paid into court would be paid out to the wife, and there would be no costs for either party.

"Plaintiff rightly said," added the judge, "that she could not be required to pay postage on the receipt."

CANADIANS MAY TRAIN IN U.S. AIRPORTS

The United States Civil Aeronautics Board announces that the use of a municipal airport in Florida and another in Texas is being arranged for the training of Canadian flying cadets when snow slows down aviation activity in the Dominion.

Arrangements are being made through the Mayor of New York, Mr La Guardia, Dallas, Texas, and Jacksonville, Florida, have already offered facilities.

A Norwegian Air Corps, formed of pilots who eluded the vigilance of the Gestapo and escaped from Norway, is now in training in Toronto. Swelled by Norwegian volunteers in Canada and the United States, the numbers are expected to reach 900. By the spring it is hoped to help in the air battle of Britain.

Floating Home For Seavacuees

Instead of being converted into a troop transport, the liner Queen Elizabeth will be used as a home for British refugee children, it is reported.

If the plan is adopted, the liner would be moved from New York to a Canadian port or a less busy port along the American coast.

Several hundred men have been working on the interior for the past two weeks.

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More London Firemen Go For Seaside Rest

A second party of London auxiliary firemen, numbering 40—this time from the City, West End and East End stations—has gone to Bournemouth and is doing duty with the Bournemouth A.F.S. to secure a break from the strenuous work they have been doing in London.

In exchange, 40 Bournemouth auxiliary firemen are in the capital working with their London colleagues and gaining valuable experience.

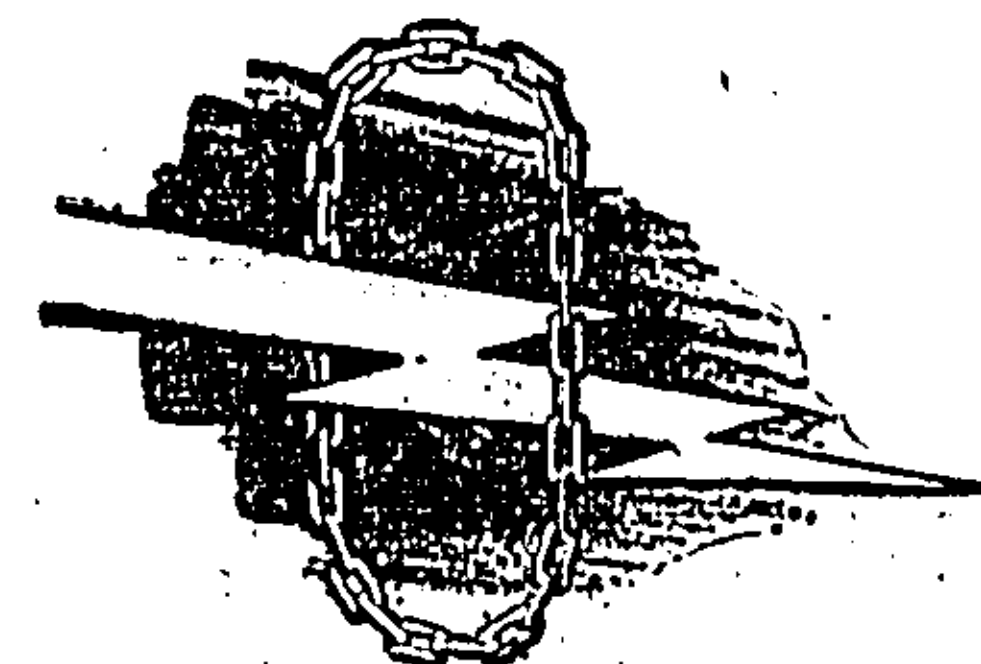
When London firemen were entertained by the Mayor of Bournemouth it was stated that the resort's example of exchanging firemen was likely to be followed by other towns.

Had To Draw Lots

Local firemen are so eager to go to London that lots have had to be drawn to select from the volunteers the number required.

TIN FINDS IN EGYPT

Tin deposits have been found near Koseir, on the Red Sea coast, according to Dr Hassan Sadik Bey, Egyptian Under-Secretary for Finance. Experts estimate that the yield will be 15,000 tons of pure tin annually.



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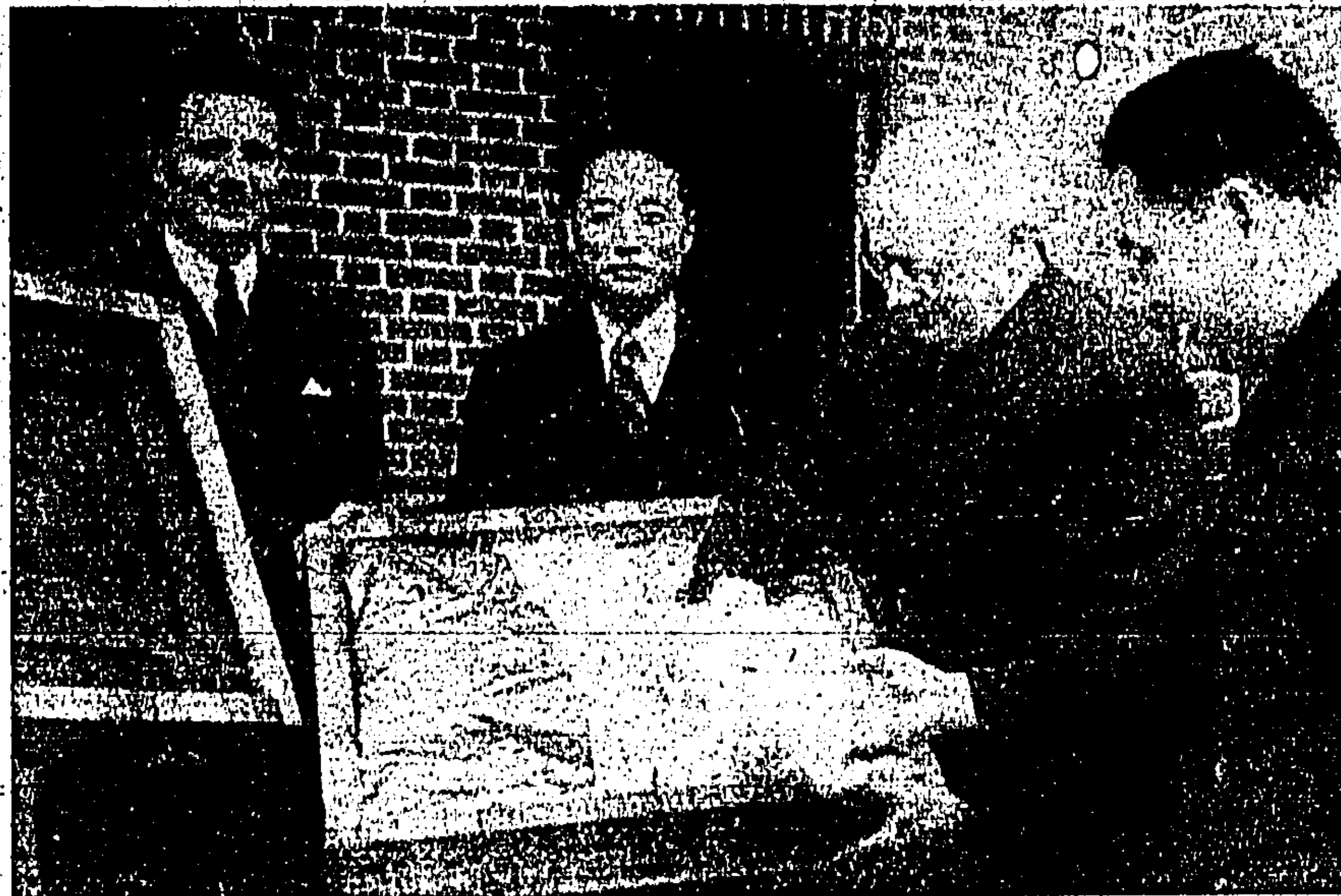
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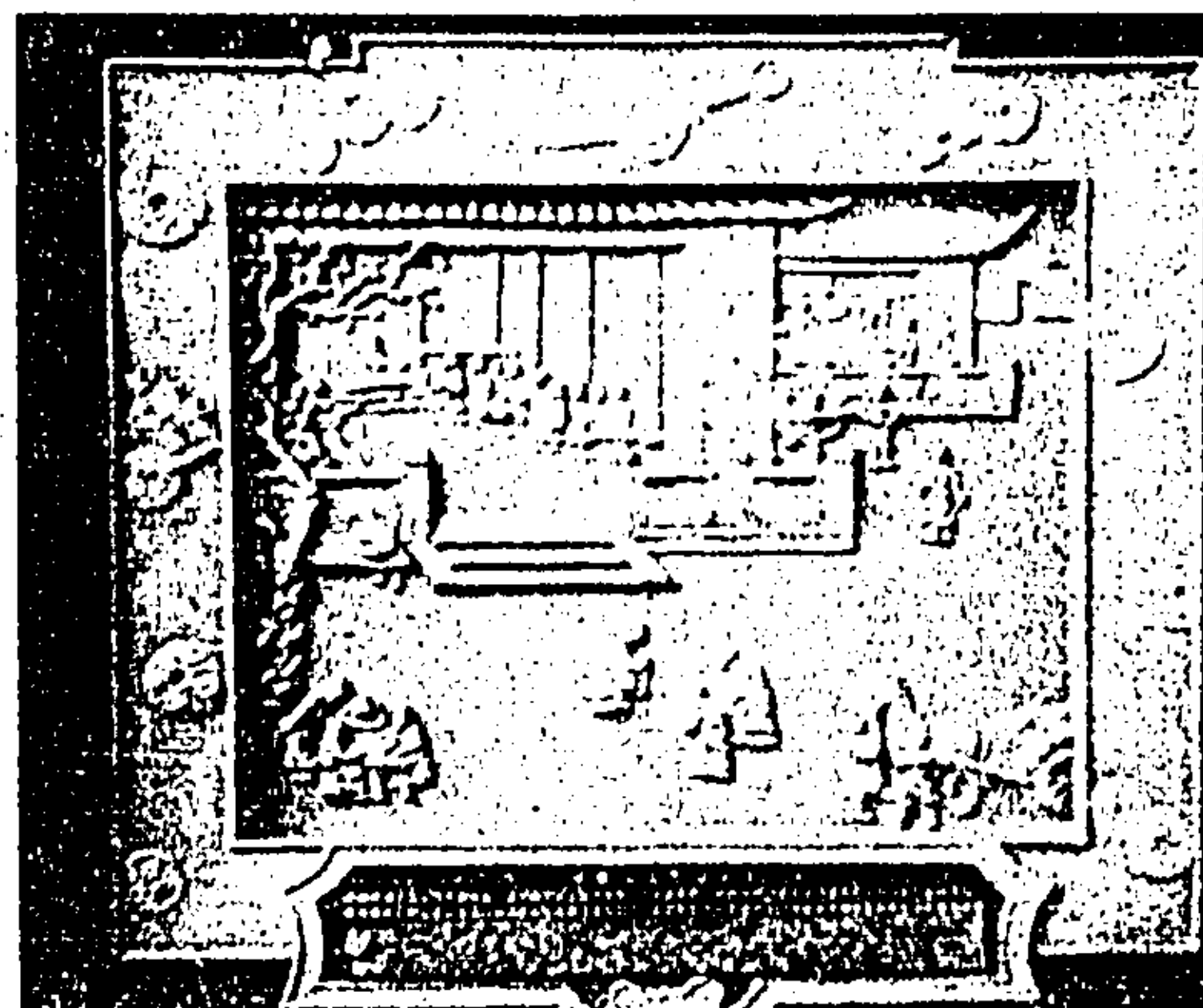
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The presentation of a Mongolian white fox fur coat to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, and a Foochow lacquer plaque to the President, was made at the United States Embassy in Chungking recently. Top picture shows the scene at the Embassy. Right to left:—Major-Gen. J. L. Huang, who made the presentation on behalf of the Chinese People's Foreign Relations Association, Ambassador Johnson, Dr. Kinn-wel Shaw, representing the Chinese-American Institute of Cultural Relations, and Mr. Everett Drumwright, Second Embassy Secretary. Right:—The Ambassador wearing the coat at a reception. The plaque shown below, depicts Confucius teaching the Six Arts. (Photos by Norman Seong).



SOLDIER CHARGED

--Friendship With
Schoolgirl

It was alleged against a Watford schoolgirl at the Old Bailey that she not only declared her love for a young soldier and spent some time with him in a wood, but that she tempted him to do wrong.

The young soldier John Edward William Downard, 20, a gunner in the Royal Artillery, was found not guilty of committing an offence against the girl, and was discharged.

For the prosecution, Mr. R. E. Seaton stated that the girl, who lived with her parents at Watford, was 18 on Nov. 10 last year.

The girl, giving evidence, denied inviting Downard to be intimate with her, or that she had been with boys before. She also declared that she never mentioned her age to Downard.

A detective stated that when Downard was told the girl's age, he exclaimed: "Thirteen! I must have been crazy."

Wanted To Marry

Subsequently, Downard made a statement in which he was alleged to have said: "She told me she loved me and wanted to marry me as soon as possible. Eventually I forgot everything except that she was a girl and we were alone."

Giving evidence, Downard stated that he met the girl on Sept. 17 when she went to the library and they went to the park together. The next day they met again, and going to the park, he was intimate with her.

The girl, he said, was wearing a jumper, blue skirt and blazer, and he thought she was 17 or 18.

Second Time

Downard asserted that when they went out together the second time, the girl invited him to be familiar, "I was a bit frightened," he added. Cross-examined, Downard affirmed that the girl "had a reputation among the chaps," but he spoke to her only because he wished to be friends. She did not tell him that she was still at school.

Philippines Freedom Danger

FORT WORTH, Tex. (UP).—Fear of Axis power expansion in the Far East will cause the Philippine Islands to give up their 40-year fight for independence, E. S. Turner, for 25 years Y.M.C.A. National Secretary in the islands, has predicted.

Serious "repercussions" may be expected if the United States withdraws its support of the islands, he said.

Under the Commonwealth Bill the Philippines were to become independent in 1946.

Turner believes the United States will postpone granting the Philippines home rule.

Social Problems
"Withdrawal of our free market," he said, "would destroy the present standard of living and create social problems which would imperil Philippine progress of the past 40 years."

In addition, he said, Filipinos know that they would be the prey of any expanding power in the Pacific if the United States armed forces left the islands. Recent formal adherence of Tokyo to the Rome-Berlin axis heightened fears in the Philippines over possible Japanese expansion, he said.

Islanders, themselves, Turner said, are now working toward deferment of the independence decrees.

Roxas Appeals
Indicative of the sentiment, he said, was the radio appeal made a few weeks ago by Manuel Roxas, Secretary of Finance in the Philippine National Cabinet. Roxas urged that Congress postpone independence and application of the economic provisions of the Commonwealth Bill.

Congress, Turner believes, would not discuss the Philippine issue until 1944 in view of pressing international and domestic problems.

Decree For Lord Mountgarret

A decree nisi was granted in the Divorce Court recently to Viscount Mountgarret of Nidd Hall, Harrogate, because of his wife's adultery with Lord Alton, against whom costs were awarded. The suit was not defended.

Lord and Lady Mountgarret were married in October, 1931. The husband's case was that they were on affectionate terms until his wife returned from a visit to Gibraltar in 1930. She then became off-hand and cold towards him. Lady Mountgarret went to Paris in June, 1939, and on her return he taxed her about Lord Alton.

An affidavit by a waiter at a Paris hotel was read in support of the adultery charge. Mr. Justice Hann Collins gave the custody of the two children to Lord Mountgarret.

Old People's Hospital Hit: Many Killed

MANY patients were killed when a high explosive bomb made a direct hit on a London hospital in a recent night raid.

Two nurses on duty were also killed. The hospital is for the aged and infirm, and some of the victims were more than 80 years old.

A block of four wards, in which there were 108 patients, was struck.

As the bomb crashed through the roof it buried the patients under a mass of plaster, beams and bricks. Even when rescue workers cleared some of the debris away the trapped patients were unable to help themselves.

Tank Bursts
They had to be taken on stretchers in the darkness to a first-aid post for treatment before being removed to another hospital.

Rescue work was complicated by the bursting of a water tank at the top of the building.

Doctors and nurses aided the A.R.P. squads and soldiers in the area who were sent to help.

One of the leaders of the rescue work was the matron, who carried on, although she had been badly cut as a result of the explosion.

Young nurses climbed over the debris to help patients who seemed to have a chance of being brought out alive.

Guided By Cries
They had to grope over piles of wreckage in the darkness, guided by the cries of the trapped men and women.

One old man trapped in the debris could be heard singing shortly after the explosion, and he went on singing popular songs of the last war as rescuers made their way slowly towards him.

Fifteen hours after the explosion he was rescued uninjured.

Nazis Want More Foreign Workers

Germany claims that she still needs another million foreign workers. According to the "Berlingske Aftenavis" of Copenhagen, there are now one million war prisoners and over one million foreign labourers employed in Germany.

Much of this is little better than slave labour, since the wages and rations are much smaller than those allotted to Germans.

Unemployed Germans are said to number only 35,000.

Plot To Oust Mussolini

DESPITE strict censorship, details of a round-up of Italian aristocrats have leaked out.

When American journalists in Rome spilled the news that 14 members of old and renowned families had been arrested, Fascist authorities denied it.

The arrests came after discovery of a plot by a group of Italian aristocrats to get rid of Mussolini and his Foreign Minister (Count Ciano). The leading spirit in the plot was 60-year-old Prince Carlo Alessandro Torlonia, whose third wife was the Infanta Beatrice eldest daughter of ex-King Alfonso of Spain.

Soon after Germany invaded Poland, Torlonia formed the Resoluto, a group of Italian aristocrats determined to prevent Italy from becoming a German tool and being forced into war against Britain.

Torlonia laid before Mussolini a document proving that Italy would be Germany's next victim if Hitler won the war.

Balbo

Torlonia proposed that Marshal Balbo, Governor of Libya—whom Mussolini feared—should be appointed president of a newly-constituted Fascist Grand Council after removal of the existing leaders.

Balbo, although unaware of the plot, and innocent of any conspiracy against Mussolini, was killed when his plane was mysteriously shot down in Libya on June 28, a couple of weeks after Mussolini declared war.

The Resoluto decided to arrest Mussolini, Ciano, and Muth in their offices in the Palazzo Venezia. After arrest they were to be shot.

Secret police arrested Torlonia at home, in the Bocca di Leone, Rome and the others as they were trying to enter the Palazzo Venezia.

Only personal intervention by King Victor Emmanuel prevented death sentences being carried out.

U.S. Sends 500 Planes Monthly

The United States exported 743 planes to Britain during the first 12 months of the war, the United States Department of Commerce announced recently.

Since August, however, it was stated, shipments have been nearly 500 a month.

The number of planes sent to Britain rose from three in March to 97 in June and 278 in August, said New York radio.

Japan Short Of Food

Hard Winter Is In Prospect

SHORTAGE of clothing and food will be Japan's most serious problem this winter.

This is stated in a confidential report by the Tokio representative to the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, states a New York message.

"Most luxuries are almost unobtainable in Japan," the report says. "Sugar is rationed, and each person is allowed only five matches a day."

Anti-American Feeling

"Anti-American sentiment is rising rapidly in Japan," the report adds.

"There has been no direct action against Americans similar to recent arrests of Britons on espionage charges."

"But a powerful group in Japan, which has been responsible for these arrests, would be glad of the chance to deal with Americans in the same way."

"The extent to which a sort of gang rule prevails to-day in Japan is almost unbelievable."

Husband Tests Cigarette Ashes To Build Case

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia.—Finding a cigarette ash on a sofa in his home, a husband in Prague turned scientific sleuth with the result that he petitioned for divorce.

He smokes only cigars and he declared that the ash was not from cigarettes smoked by his wife. He carried out chemical experiments which he had learned when employed in a laboratory, and the results convinced him that the "burned evidence" was from a brand smoked by a student who boarded at his home.

The husband believed that he had established, by his tests, that there was an association between his wife and the boarder. The judge, however, has asked an expert to report on the value of the tests.

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Another Severe Raid On London

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coast towns, but though some houses were damaged, no casualties were reported.

London had one of the earliest alerts to-night for some time and in the early stages the raid proved one of the most intensive yet experienced. In all areas, showers of incendiaries were followed by high explosions.

R.A.F.—Nazi Comparison
LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuters).—During the week ended midnight on December 28, the Germans lost, in raids on Britain, seven planes—two on the night of December 21-22; three on the night of December 22-23; one during the day of December 23; and one on the day of December 25.

During the same period no British fighters were lost.

Five British bombers were lost in the course of widespread heavy attacks over enemy and enemy-occupied territory—one on the night of December 22-23; one on the night of December 23-24; one on the night of December 26-27; and two on the night of December 27-28.

Far East Situation Becoming Serious
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advance, thereby diverting America from the Pacific.

German circles in Japan have assured Tokyo that the Netherlands East Indies will capitulate economically if Japan outflanks Singapore through Thailand.

Informed quarters have reported that a large number of high Japanese army and navy officers passed through Shanghai during the week on route to Bangkok, Hanoi and Hainan.

This is interpreted as a tour of "preliminary observation" prior to the advance which is now expected late in January.

Kowloon Inter-School Miniature Soccer

The Kowloon Inter-School Small Boys' Miniature Soccer League, just concluded, has been won by the National English College, with Wah Yan College as runners-up. The trophies of the League will be presented by Mr D. P. Lai at the Melbourn Playground, Hongkintan, at 3.30 p.m. to-day.

Following are the final standings in the League:

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
National English College	9	8	1	0	15
Wah Yan College	9	7	1	1	15
Xin Sang College	9	6	1	2	13
Ning San School	9	6	1	2	13
Tak Ming Middle School	9	5	2	2	12
Nam Mo Middle School	9	5	2	2	12
Mun Far Middle School	9	2	1	6	5
Kowloon English School	9	2	1	6	5
The Primary School (at Canton University)	9	1	2	6	4
Wah Nam Middle School	9	0	0	9	0

LATE NEWS



GLAD THEY'RE ALIVE—Group of survivors of British merchant cruiser Jervis Bay, which battled German raider and saved convoy. They're at unnamed Canadian hospital. Jervis Bay went down in mid-Atlantic with guns still firing.

Medical Corps Lead Military Billiards League

Following are the results of matches in the Garrison Billiards League played from December 18 to December 29:

League Table to Date

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
R.A.M.C.	14	14	0	0	28
Royal Scots	12	10	2	0	22
R.A.S.C.	11	7	4	0	18
R.E.	11	4	7	0	11
C. A. Police	10	4	6	0	8
Royal Signals	9	3	6	0	6
R.A.P.C.	11	3	8	0	6
2nd A.A. Regt R.A.	9	3	6	0	6
12th H. Regt R.A.	8	2	6	0	4
R.A.O.C.	11	2	9	0	4

In the second round of the Soldiers' Club Tournament, Service Corps defeated the Volunteers by 1,173 points to 1,511.

Firing Squad Execution

Two men were executed by shooting in Dublin recently for the murder of Detective Hyland in Dublin during a police raid on a suburban shop on Aug. 16.

They were Thomas Harle, of Lurgan, Northern Ireland, and Patrick McGrath, of Dublin, both of whom had been condemned by the military court. The executions were carried out at Mountjoy prison.

During the raid in which Hyland was murdered, Det. Sgt. McKewen was injured and died later. Another detective officer is recovering from his wounds. The condemned men challenged without success the legality of the military court.

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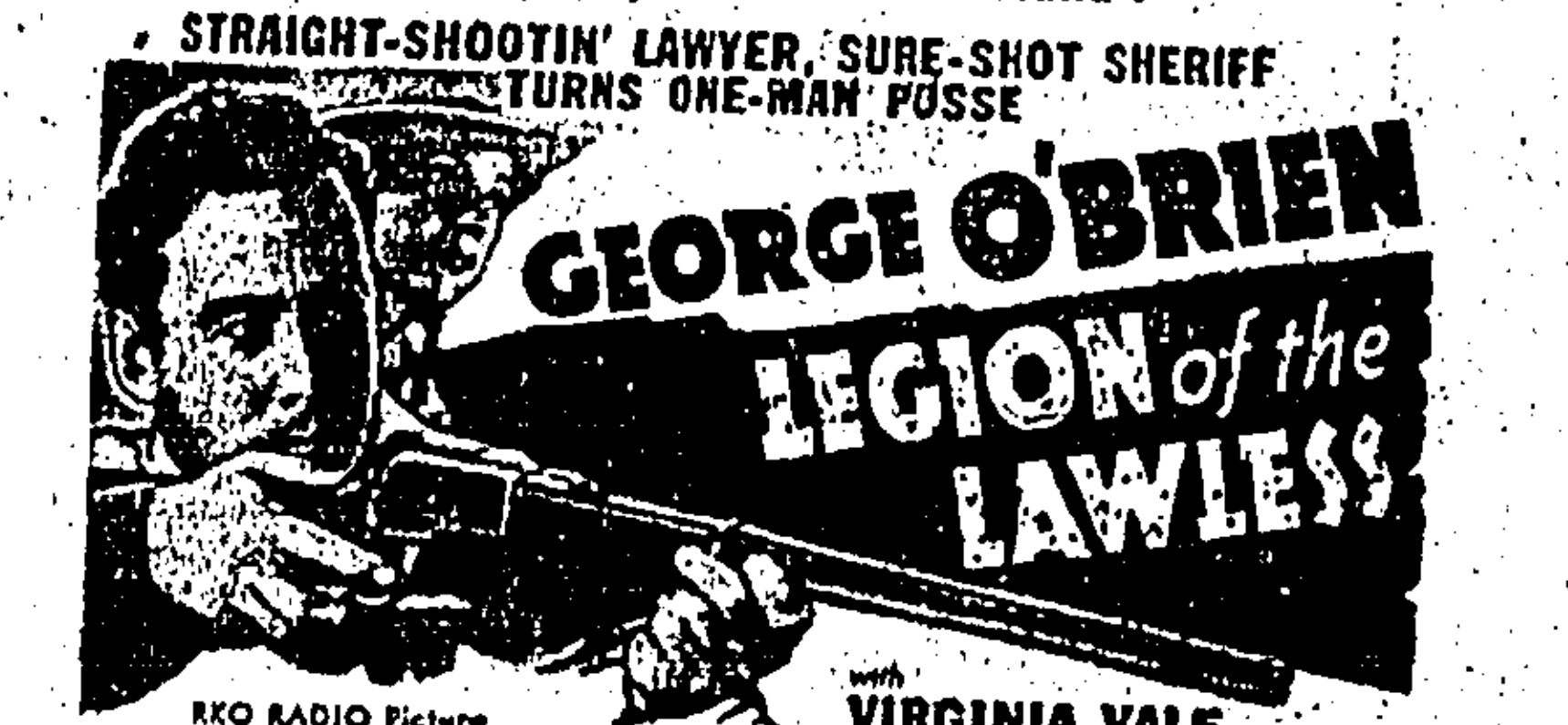
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Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, DEC. 29 (UP).—PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT DELIVERED HIS EAGERLY-AWAITED SPEECH TO-NIGHT IN THE COURSE OF WHICH HE SAID: "THIS IS NOT A FIRESIDE CHAT ON WAR; IT IS A TALK REGARDING NATIONAL SECURITY, BECAUSE THE HUB OF THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF YOUR PRESIDENT IS TO KEEP YOU NOW AND YOUR CHILDREN LATER, AND YOUR GRANDCHILDREN MUCH LATER, OUT OF THE LAST DITCH OF WAR FOR THE PRESERVATION OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE AND ALL THINGS AMERICAN, WHICH MEANS YOU, ME AND OURS."

Greeks Capture More Villages

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ATHENS, Dec. 29 (UP).—It is officially announced that the Greeks have captured three additional villages north and north-east of Chirmara after storming the heights dominating these villages.

It is said that Italian troops, including Bersaglieris freshly flown in, were heavily defeated north of Kilsura where they, with the support of tanks, had attempted to drive down the Kilsura-Berat road.

It is stated that the mopping-up of the Italian rear-guard is still proceeding between Kilsura and Chirmara. Many prisoners have been taken, including officers.

On other fronts there is nothing to report.

Heavy Fighting In Snow

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuters).—Unconfirmed reports in the Belgrade newspaper "Politika" state that the Greeks have taken an important town between Pogradz and El Bassan. The Greeks, says the paper, outflanked the town after heavy fighting in the snow.

To-day marks the end of the second month of Greco-Italian hostilities.

Valona Foreshore Bombed

CAIRO, Dec. 29 (Reuters).—A successful bombing of the Valona foreshore in southern Albania is reported from R.A.F. H.Q. in the Middle East.

One heavy bomb was seen to explode 50 yards from a large ship but the effect of other bombs could not be observed owing to the extremely bad weather.

All British aircraft returned safely.

Mine Accident

JHARIA, Dec. 29 (Reuters).—Four persons, including Mr. E. G. Barker, assistant manager of the Kastur Colliery, were asphyxiated while inspecting a mine.

They were overcome by a leakage of gas before help could reach them.

R.A.F. Again Attack The Invasion Ports

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Dec. 29 (UP).—The Air Ministry announces that despite bad weather, R.A.F. bombers last night attacked the invasion ports of Boulogne and Cherbourg and the submarine base of Lorient, where a large fire was observed.

Oil targets at Rotterdam and Antwerp were also attacked.

Two R.A.F. machines did not return.

It is stated that the main objective was Lorient, where the R.A.F. made a fairly heavy hour-long attack. The

Continuing, the President declared: "To-night, in the presence of a world crisis, my mind goes back eight years ago when we were in the midst of a domestic crisis. It was a time when the wheels of American industry were grinding to a full stop; when the whole banking system had ceased to function. Then, I tried to convey to the great mass of American people what a banking crisis would mean in their daily lives. To-night, I want to do the same thing with the same people in this new crisis which faces America."

GREATEST DANGER SINCE JAMESTOWN

"Never before since at Jamestown and Plymouth Rock has our American civilisation been in such danger as now."

"On September 27, 1940, by an agreement signed in Berlin, three powerful nations—two in Europe and one in Asia—have joined themselves together in a threat that if the United States interfered with, or blocked their expansion programme—a programme aimed at world control—they would unite in ultimate action against the United States."

"The Axis not merely admits, but proclaims that there can be no ultimate peace between their philosophy of government and our philosophy of government."

"In view of the undeniable threat it can be asserted categorically that the United States has no right or reason to encourage any talk of peace until the day shall come when there is a clear intention on the part of the aggressor nations to abandon all thought of dominating or conquering the world."

PACIFIC RAIDERS

No Confirmation Of Reported Nazi Plans

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29

(UP).—Reports from Manila that sea raiders are being armed in Japanese ports have been given wide attention but have not been officially confirmed.

Metropolitan newspapers prominently displayed the story and unofficial naval circles credited the reports as "highly probable." However, the Navy Department itself refused even to discuss such reports. Spokesmen of the Department said that they had not been informed and that even if they had been, they would not divulge their information.

Natural Move

Unofficial naval men say that it would be natural for Germany to

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"At this moment the forces of States leagued against all people who live in freedom, are being held away from our shores. The Germans and Italians are being blocked on the other side of the Atlantic by the British and Greeks; the Japanese are being engaged in Asia by the Chinese in another great defence. In the Pacific is our fleet."

Of Vital Concern

"Some of our people like to believe that wars in Europe and Asia do not concern us, but it is of the most vital concern to us that the European and Asiatic war-makers should not gain control over oceans which lead to this hemisphere."

"Does anyone seriously believe that we need fear attack while a free Britain remains our most powerful naval neighbour in the Atlantic? Does anyone seriously

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LATEST

Nazis Deny Raider Flew Nippon Flag

TOKYO, Dec. 30 (Reuters).—The "Nichi Nichi" special correspondent in Berlin reports that Germany admits the bombardment of Nauru island but denies that the raider flew Japanese colours.

Berlin claims that Mr. Menzies' statement on the flying of the Japanese colours was propaganda.

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Japanese Planning A Coup D'Etat In Thai Capital

EXCLUSIVE TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

By MEVILLE JACOBY

"United Press" Correspondent who has just returned to Hongkong from Indo-China.

Proof that Japanese military aid for Thailand has increased and the strongest indication that the Japanese are planning a coup d'etat in Bangkok, was revealed to me before leaving Hanoi by unimpeachable sources.

That the so-called Japanese Goodwill Mission, en route to Bangkok from Tokyo, is planning to overthrow the existing Bangkok regime was revealed through a letter which was intercepted by my informants. The letter was sent from Tokyo on December 15 and went to the M.B.K. agent at Bangkok. It revealed part of a Japanese plan for installing in Bangkok a War Party which will be pro-Japanese.

Another Severe Raid On London

Lasts For Three Hours

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Dec. 29 (UP).—At 6.30 p.m. there was a night warning in the London area almost immediately followed by a heavy raid, with incendiary bombs dropped in at least one district in face of a heavy barrage.

To-night's raid was the earliest for several days, and the intensive fire beacons and crumps indicated that very heavy bombs were being dropped. Anti-aircraft guns were cracking spasmodically.

At 7.40 p.m. the raid seemed to be more severe than that of last Friday night and was reminiscent of the worst raids in September.

Bombs were reported from a widespread area.

Worst Since September

At 8.30 p.m. German raiders were criss-crossing the London skies and showered thousands of incendiary bombs, mingled with high explosives, over a widespread area in the worst raid since September. The heavy barrage appeared to be almost constant for several hours. Scores of Molotov breadbaskets were reported almost as they fell. Many districts suffered.

At 9 p.m. the staff of the "United Press" retired to the underground shelter for the first time since September. Soon after, although the raiders were overhead, buses and pedestrians were seen on the streets and the raid appeared to be tapering off, but occasional gunfire and bombs were still heard.

At 9.30 p.m. the gunfire seemed to be lighter than during the September raids, supporting the theory that British night-fighters were roaming the sky. Some claimed they heard machine-gun fire overhead, indicating air duels.

The town hall, a museum, two hospitals, two churches and two colleges were among the buildings hit in one district.

So far, there have been no reports of deaths or serious injuries. The water supply to all factories is cut off. The water basins at Saint Christopher are also frozen tight and considerable material damage has been done.

The letter announced to the M.B.K. manager the arrival of four important Japanese agents sent by the Tokyo Foreign Office, who are receiving instructions directly from Mr. Matsuoaka.

The letter explained to the recipient that the four Japanese, under the guise of being a Goodwill Mission had the real assignment of organising a coup d'etat in Bangkok, and setting up a pro-Japanese Government.

The letter further stated that the M.B.K. manager should await the arrival of the four Japanese envoys who were leaving Tokyo about December 23.

The letter mentioned Mr. Tazawa as one of the four Japanese envoys. Tazawa was formerly in Indo-China with the Japanese Economic Mission.

Unimpeachable sources also revealed that Japanese shipping officials have been acting as Japanese agents in Indo-China and were part of a tremendous Japanese organisation, including natives and Wang Ching-wei adherents, operating throughout the French colony.

The same sources revealed to me definite proof that Japanese military aid to Thailand is increasing. Beside the shipment of 33 pursuit planes early in December 25, Japanese bombers from Hainan went to Bangkok recently.

The Japanese steamer, Bangkok Maru loaded 950 tons of assorted munitions and guns and routed them to Thailand during the past week while a Japanese ship, loaded with tanks, is expected to leave Japan in the near future.

Close Connections

Very close connection between the Japanese in Indo-China and the Japanese in Thailand is reported. Members of the Japanese Mission are continually travelling from Hanoi to Bangkok via the Japanese Airways' new line, apparently reporting on French military activity on the Thailand borders.

Hoping to offset part of the leakage of military information via the Japanese, the French authorities recently stopped the Japanese Airways' new line, which runs from Hanoi to Tourane, Saigon and Bangkok that thereby partially checking Japanese moves southward.

Serious Far East Situation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

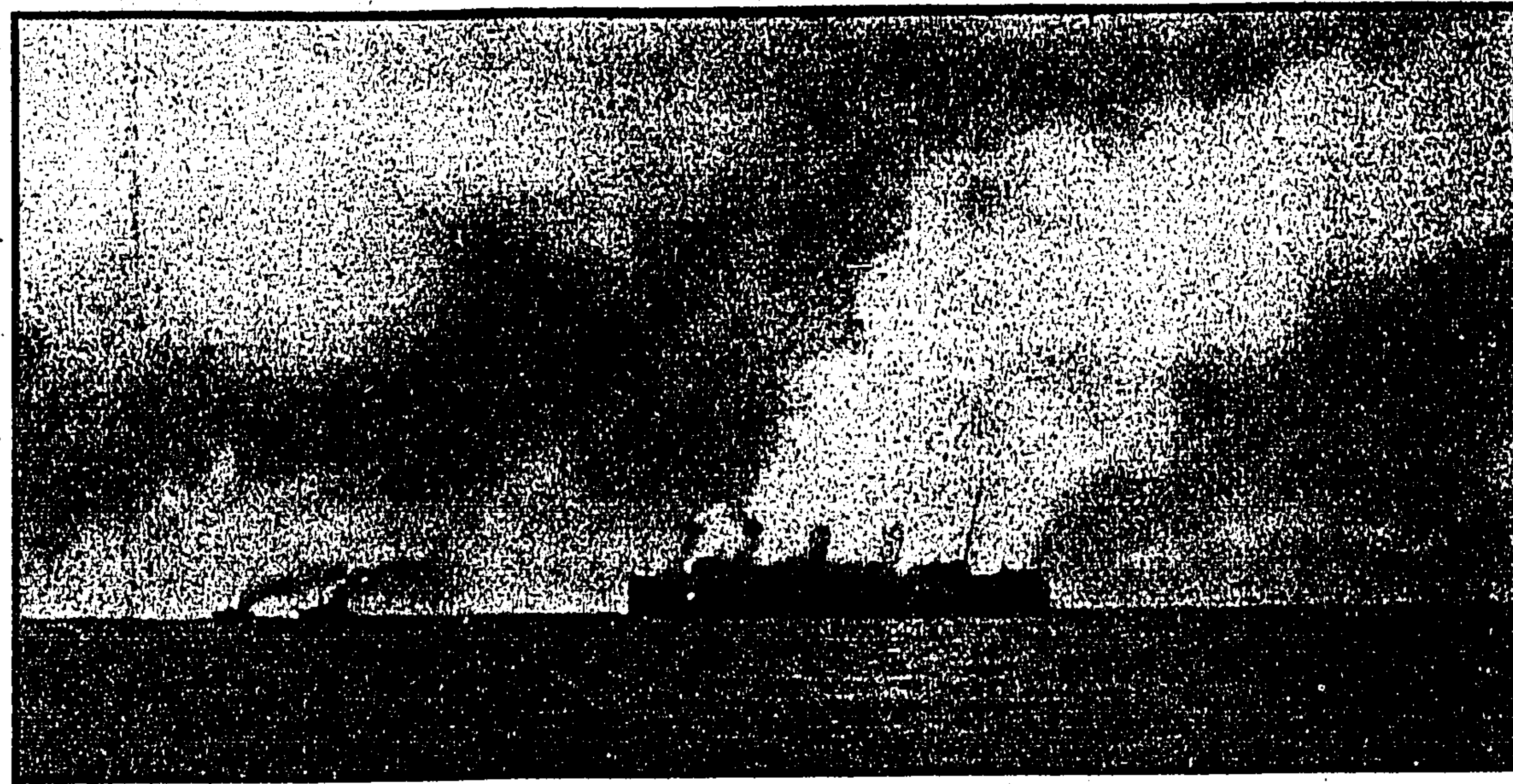
SHANGHAI, Dec. 29 (UP).—Authoritative circles, including the Japanese, are unanimous in their opinions that the Far Eastern situation is rapidly deteriorating in view of the prospects of an imminent extension of the war to the Pacific, engineered by Germany, and the intensified Japanese preparations for a southward move.

Reports have been received that Germany has assured Japan that she will apply sufficient pressure on Russia from the West to prevent a Soviet "stab in the back" if and when Japan moves southward.

To Out-Flank Singapore

Foreign intelligence officials declare that present information clearly indicates a southward move.

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EMPRESS OF BRITAIN ABLAZE

This remarkable picture shows the £3,000,000 Empress of Britain liner, well-known in Hongkong, in flames 150 miles from the coast of Eire. Two were trying to tow her to port after she had been attacked by Nazi dive-bombers. Soon after this dramatic picture was taken the 42,348-ton vessel blew up and sank.

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Imitation Rolex Watches

Lane Crawford Prosecute

Lane Crawford Ltd. were complainants in a case before Mr. J. G. Sheldon at Central Magistracy this morning when four stall holders of Upper Lascar Row and Tung Street were summoned for possessing for sale or trade, watches bearing a mark so nearly resembling the Rolex watch trade mark as to be calculated to deceive.

Mr. W. A. Mackinnon, of Deacons, who prosecuted said that the complainants were pressing the case because several people who had bought watches from defendants' secondhand goods, came to the agents and complained about them. The watches were Imitation Rolex.

Mr. Sheldon told defendants that they must see that forged goods did not come into their hands. The defendants were ordered to pay \$25 each towards the costs of the case.

Spanish Hoarders

MADRID, Dec. 30 (Reuter).—Convicted of contravening regulations for the sale of foodstuffs, 211 persons have been sentenced in recent weeks to serve in labour battalions.

"Dictator" Banned

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—Argentine newspapers comment adversely to-day on the government decision to ban Charlie Chaplin's new film, "The Great Dictator."

CHUNGKING, Dec. 30 (Central News).—The eighth Japanese journalist who arrived here on December 28 on a goodwill visit called on Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek yesterday afternoon and presented him with a goodwill message and gifts.

Thailand And French Troops In Clashes

BANGKOK, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—"Local hostilities" between Thailand and French troops occurred on Saturday, according to a communique issued to-day by the Thai High Command.

The French were routed and munitions were captured.

The communique adds that on Saturday evening French troops opened fire from Vientiane but were quickly silenced.

Artillery Duel
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BANGKOK, Dec. 29 (UP).—A

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C. G. PERDUE, R.

NOTICE

ARMS LICENCES

Holders of Arms Licences are reminded that Arms Licences are due for renewal on 1st January, 1941 (Fee \$10.00 per licence). Licensees should call at the Accounts Office, Police Headquarters between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. daily (Sundays and Public Holidays excepted), with their licences.

C. G. PERDUE,
Commissioner of Police,
30th December, 1940.

BANK HOLIDAY

In accordance with Government Ordinance, The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Wednesday, the 1st January, 1941. (The First Week-day in January).

Hongkong, 30th December, 1940.

NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

South China Morning Post
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16 cents per copy

British Empire and Foreign
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The Hongkong Telegraph
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16 cents Saturdays

British and Foreign
20 cents per copy
25 cents Saturdays.

Conditions Affect H.K. Business Firm

Loss In Canton Trade

A pessimistic note was struck by the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, Chairman, at the annual general meeting of the Hongkong and Canton Ice Manufacturing Co. Ltd. this morning, when he said: "I would like to assure shareholders that while the accounts before you may be regarded as not altogether unsatisfactory under the circumstances, your directors have not lost sight of the various factors which are likely to have a detrimental effect on the company's future and which in turn will affect the favourable cash position now existing."

There was a loss of \$112.77 on the working account and a net loss for the year of \$2,635.49.

Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce was supported by Mr. S. H. Dodwell and Mr. Ho Kom-long (Directors) and Mr. G. Milne (Secretary).

Messrs J. D. Thomson, G. W. Sewell and W. L. Alexander were the shareholders present.

The Chairman said:

Chairman's Speech

"Before I proceed with the ordinary business of the Meeting I wish to make special reference to the death of the late Mr. B. Stewart. Mr. Stewart served on our Board for many years and was Chairman of the Company on no fewer than five occasions. Mr. Stewart had the Company's best interests at heart and his views were at all times much appreciated. I take the opportunity, therefore, of placing on record our deep regret at this gentleman's demise."

"As you will have seen, we have barely managed to hold our own in the operation of our business, there being a loss of \$112.77 on Working Account. This loss reflects the conditions which have prevailed in Canton during the greater part of our accounting period, conditions which you are all aware and which need no amplification from me. "The revenue from the storage of dry goods to which my predecessor made reference, then addressing you from the Chair at last ordinary yearly meeting, and which enabled us then to show somewhat better returns, has dwindled to very small proportions."

"This position has arisen since the bulk of this cargo has been withdrawn from our premises following the cessation of hostilities on a large scale in Canton. "Our ice business during the period under review showed a marked decline, only 158,531 tons were sold as compared with 698,067 tons in the previous year and 530,933 tons in the year ending July 31, 1939. "Prior to hostilities there were only two ice plants of moderate size located in Canton City. Our own plant on Shamoen was the largest in the locality and further contained the only cold storage facility in the vicinity. The year opened with a new ice plant located in the city and this supplied a large portion of the ice requirements there. The result was that we were able only to fill in any shortage of supply that occurred in the city."

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Alleged Murder Of Amah

Charged with the murder of a 60-year-old amah, Tsoi Kuen, at 60 Argyle Street, first floor, on November 14, Liu Shek, 22, Tam Wang-kit, 34, and Chan Fei, 35, were remanded to January 8 for hearing, by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon Magistracy this morning. "The three men were also charged with robbing Tsoi of a cotton quilt, one cotton bed sheet, two Chinese long coats, \$2.60 in Hongkong currency and \$10 in Chinese currency. "Another man Lui Wah, 40, was charged with receiving the above mentioned articles. "Det. Sgt. N. B. Fraser is in charge of the case."

Axis Winding Up For Fresh War of Nerves

LONDON, Dec. 29 (British Wireless).—Agency messages show that neutral correspondents in Rome are now receiving hints from official circles there of important developments of a decisive nature in the very near future, and they report that the Italian public is being persuaded to expect some early and favourable move to off-set recent Italian defeats.

A German attack on Britain is promised for early in the new year. The story is that Hitler has decided to act soon so as to get in a blow before further American help can reach Britain. Italian newspapers are telling their readers that the attack will take place in a surprising form and that many new secret weapons will be used. This last touch is recognised here as a familiar formula in the war of nerves.

Strong Italian Action

On the other hand, if the rumours are intended for the outside world, all semblance of truth has been taken from them by a detail added in Rome to the effect that the German attack on Britain will be accompanied by "strong Italian parallel action in the Mediterranean."

Therefore, journalistic circles in R.A.P. since Christmas.

King's Comradely Talk With Convoy Skippers

LONDON, Dec. 29 (British Wireless).—The King has personally assured himself of the g

Italy's New Dictator

Control Of All Food
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ROME, Dec. (UP).—Signor Mussolini has appointed the Minister of Agriculture, Signor Giuseppe Tassinari, a virtual food dictator with powers that surpass Mr. Herbert Hoover's during the World War.

Signor Tassinari is 49 years old and the author of numerous books on flowers and the fruits. He will unify production throughout the Empire to meet the needs of the armed forces on land, at sea and in the air, and keep housewives supplied with spaghetti, eggs, bread, meat and broccolli for the duration of the war.

To aid Tassinari in his task, the Minister of Justice, Signor Dino Grandi, has decreed the death penalty for those guilty of hoarding or speculating in connection with food supplies.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1/2 1/2
Demand London	1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	410
T.T. Singapore	62 1/2
T.T. Japan	102 1/2
T.T. India	92 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	28 1/2
T.T. Manila	40 1/2
T.T. Batavia	43 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140
T.T. Saigon	101 1/2
T.T. France	Nom.
T.T. Switzerland	89 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/0 1/2

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	24 1/2
4 m/s France	Nom.
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/2

LETTERS

Money Well Spent

To the Editor,
The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—Now That Christmas is over, I desire to take this opportunity of saying "Thank you" to all those who by their gifts helped to make the season such a very happy one for those under our care at the Salvation Army Home for Women and Girls. If our friends could have seen the very real happiness they helped to bring to "our family" here—they would feel truly repaid for any effort they put forth or sacrifice they made to make the Annual Gift Day, held on December 20, the success it was.

Collected at the various centres, gifts in kind to the value of about \$200 were handed in at the Home. These were all useful articles or provisions showing much careful thought on the part of the donors. Gifts in cash amounting to \$407.20 included some from Hongkong friends in Australia. To one and all near and far we wish to express our thanks.

Our special thanks are due to the ladies responsible for organising the Gift Day and each one who accepted the responsibility of receiving the gifts at the various centres. To Major Manners who lent us the use of the Star Ferry Offices, and the Committees of the Helens' May Institute and the City Hall who helped us in a similar way.

DONOVAN BRAZIER (Major),
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INWARD MAILS

On Wednesday, the 1st January 1941, the General Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Shengwan Branch Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 10 a.m.

There will also be one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. from the Branch Post Office at Stanley, Taipei and Un Long.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 8 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 30

Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island

K.P.O.
Reg. Dec. 30, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Dec. 30, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.

Reg. Dec. 30, 5.30 p.m.
Ord. Dec. 30, 5.50 p.m.
Canton

Tuesday, Dec. 31

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mombasa, Beira, Lourenco Marques, and South Africa via Durban

2.30 p.m.
Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"

K.P.O.
Reg. Dec. 31, 1 p.m.
Ord. Dec. 31, 1.30 p.m.
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Reg. Dec. 31, 1 p.m.
Ord. Dec. 31, 1.30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 1

United Kingdom and Foreign

G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Parcels Jan. 1, 10 a.m.
Reg. Jan. 1, 10 a.m.
Ord. Jan. 2, 6.30 a.m.

Thursday, Jan. 2

Holloway

8.30 a.m.
Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"

K.P.O.
Reg. Jan. 2, 2 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 2, 2.30 p.m.
G.P.O.

Reg. Jan. 2, 2 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 2, 2.30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 3

Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta

3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and United Kingdom via San Francisco, (No Parcels for Canada and United Kingdom)

Note.—All Mails for United Kingdom will be forwarded with or without superscription

K.P.O.
Parcels Jan. 2, 4 p.m.
Reg. Jan. 2, 5 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 2, 5 p.m.

Reg. Jan. 2, 5 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 2, 5 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 3

Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"

K.P.O.
Reg. Jan. 3, 5 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 3, 4.30 p.m.
G.P.O.

Reg. Jan. 3, 5 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 3, 4.30 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 4

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A., and Europe via "Pan American Airways" and Trans-American Service

K.P.O.
Reg. Jan. 3, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 3, 5.00 p.m.
G.P.O.

Reg. Jan. 3, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 3, 5.00 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 5

Super-scribed Correspondence Only.

INDIAN LABOUR

CALCUTTA, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—Leading 30,000 in the Indian Labour world are holding labour rallies throughout the country to mobilise Labour support for the war effort. Various industrial leaders are joining.

Military Training

BOMBAY, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—The need for Indian youths to take advantage to the utmost of facilities for military training in every branch of war effort, was stressed at various conferences held throughout India during Christmas week.

Ample Aluminium

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—It is officially stated that reports of shortage of aluminium in the United States are incorrect and that supplies are ample for the defence programme.

Decoux Reports Calm Reigns In Cochin China

SPECIAL TO THE "Telegraph"

VICHY, Dec. 29 (UP).—Admiral Decoux, Governor of Indo-China, reported to the Ministry of Colonies to-day upon the completion of an inspection trip last Saturday to Cochin China that complete calm has been restored in the regions which were troubled by the recent Communist uprisings.

The report shows, however, that sedition had assumed grave importance at the height of Communist activity.

Admiral Decoux credits the native authorities with successful collaboration in the suppression of the revolt. He believed that at present the entire native population is working quietly and that a number of public works jobs have been opened to provide jobs for the unemployed.

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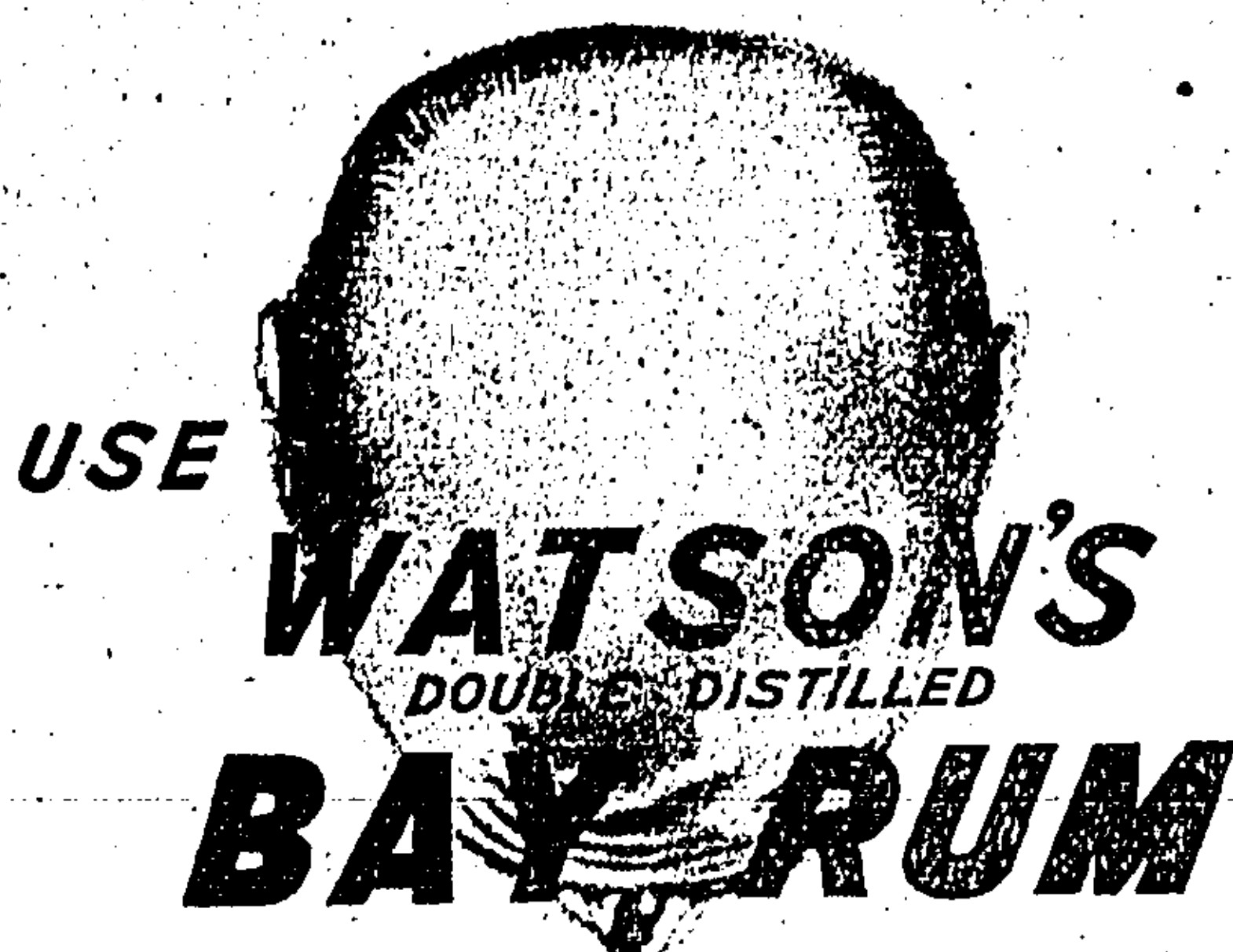
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DEATH

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The Hongkong Telegraph

Monday, December 30, 1940.

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"A Victorious New Year"

TO-MORROW is New Year's Eve—eve of a year fraught with tremendous possibilities. It may well see eliminated from the world the cruel, avaricious despotism of dictatorship; this, at least is the hope and the New Year-wish of that part of the universe whose faith in the rightfulness and righteousness of freedom and democracy remains unshaken.

But ere this total destruction of brutal Totalitarianism is accomplished, there must be days of anguish and anxiety; it is inevitable. The enemy of our cause is still materially strong; and as he sees Nemesis overtaking him he will become desperate and more vindictive. Experts in military strategy appear to be convinced that Hitler must and will attempt an invasion of Britain; and the people of Britain are alive to the danger. They stand ready to meet and repulse any such threat. They are not boastful about their ability to defeat Hitler's final throw for the domination of Europe and a large part of the rest of the world, but their quiet determination is backed by confidence in their fighting men and material—confidence begat by experience; the experience of the great aerial victories in the opening stages of the battle of Britain.

It is Hongkong's destiny to watch this grim and stupendous struggle from afar; we can help with our money—and may it never be more lavishly given than in the new year of 1941—but it will be hard to avoid a feeling of helpless impotency as we continue daily to be spectators of a fight, the decision of which is to affect the future of mankind. We can, however, in thoughts and prayers, be with those who are near and dear in the terrible ordeal which they are suffering to-day and which still lies before them.

Let us, therefore, make this week's greetings a "Victorious

ISLANDERS DIDN'T SEE 'DARING COUP'

FOR hours after the Germans occupied Guernsey, had taken charge of the island, although few Guernsey men knew they were there.

Fred Hockey, the signaller at the end of St Peter Port harbour, who later escaped from Guernsey and was able to tell me this story of the German occupation, did not himself know that he had been invaded until some 18 hours after it happened.

On the morning of Sunday, June 30, he saw a German plane land somewhere in the south, and speedily rise again. In the afternoon he saw another plane dip, and that one did not rise.

All that evening he watched large, lumbering planes going back and forth from the coast of France, and all that night he heard the drone of their engines.

Saw Nothing

But of Germans he saw nothing the following morning, and it was only afterwards that he learned how the invasion had taken place, so that he could tell it to me in detail.

This is what happened. At about half-past ten on that Sunday morning a German plane circled and landed on the Guernsey airport, which was deserted.

A German officer stepped from the plane, went into the operations room, unbuckled his revolver, and laid it on the table. He was there for about ten minutes, when a British plane came in sight from the direction of England.

The German officer ran so hastily to his own plane that he forgot to pick up his revolver, and took off again. The airport was silent.

At half-past two in the afternoon a German plane landed on the airport again, and this time three officers got out (one of them reclaiming his revolver from the table in the operations room).

They approached a solitary policeman standing near the airport, and asked him, in perfect English, to fetch the officials of the island.

No Resistance

The policeman telephoned the station, and soon the bailiff and the police inspector came down in the police car.

The German officers asked for the Guernsey papers, which were handed to them at the police station and the Royal Court.

Now Year," for only by victory in the battle against Hitlerism can the world realise happiness and prosperity which, in normal times, are the sentiments extended at this season.

Within two hours they had taken charge of the island, although few Guernsey men knew they were there at all.

Those who did know realised it was hopeless to resist with no arms and no ammunition to speak of.

The officers went to the telephone exchange and disconnected it, and warned the man in charge that if he touched the cable gear he would be severely punished.

They hurried to the northern tip of the island, where the cable runs to England, disconnected it, and warned the man in charge that if he touched the cable gear he would be severely punished.

Then they took charge of the other cable at the southeastern point, that leads to France.

At that time Fred Hockey knew none of these things, though he guessed there was some dirty work going on.

This is the second instalment of the first full description of the occupation of the Channel Islands by the Nazis, told by Fred Hockey, of St Peter Port, to

DUDLEY BARKER

"I was off duty for the afternoon," he said, "and I had just had dinner, and was going off with George, Harold and a friend to spend a few hours on the beach."

"That was when we saw the German plane drop down to the airport, and although we waited it did not rise again."

"We Sat Staring"

"There didn't seem anything we could do, so we just went on to the beach and sat there all the afternoon, wondering what it was all about."

"The boys didn't have the heart to go bathing. We just sat there, staring at the sea, and not talking very much."

"It seemed to make it worse that all this was happening in such perfect sunshine, and such a peaceful place."

"We went home for tea, and then I got on my bicycle to go to work at St Peter Port. All the people were standing by the doorsteps again, and some called to ask if I had any news, but I knew no more than they did."

"I cycled on into the town, and still I saw nothing unusual, except that everything seemed quiet and nervy. There were no Germans to be seen."

"I went out to relieve my mate at the signal station, and he asked me what I thought of things now."

"Don't like the look of them," I said. "I believe that was a German plane that came down on the airport."

"He went off home, and I was left alone in the signal station. There was nothing to do. No body came near me. No ships came into the harbour."

Drone of Planes

"It was all deadly quiet, except for the drone of the big troop-carrying planes that started to come over about six o'clock and kept it up all night."

"At midnight one of the local policemen came to relieve me (one of the signallers had slipped away at the last moment in the pig-boat from Alderney).

FUNNY SIDE UP By Abner Dean



"You can never tell what the future holds in store for you... when I was a kid they said I was a born leader!"

The Mere Man

Growing Our Own Food

After the Great War of 1914-18, it was widely realised in Britain that there was need to make the country as self-sufficient as possible in the matter of food. Obviously, complete self-sufficiency, in insular territory with a large population, cannot be attained. Yet, there were important items in respect of which Britons could make themselves independent of outside supply. But there was more talk than action; and whilst in many other countries, particularly in the totalitarian states, vast agricultural experiments and conservation schemes were seen, British people made no progress in this direction. The Briton, in a peaceful period, is not easily roused from his dislike of innovations, and it has remained for the present war to pull him from his lethargy.

But what has been accomplished already, by quickened effort with far-seeing direction from the Government's food experts, has been gratifying. The latest news is that tens of thousands of acres, which have lain waterlogged, will soon be under cultivation as a result of land-drainage schemes being pushed ahead in many parts of the country. Land which has been derelict for years will now "grow for victory."

So successful have agricultural plans in Britain become from the pooling of brains and energy that there is a temptation to ask ourselves if, here in Hongkong, we cannot do the same. Different geographical and economic factors naturally will require plans suited to our own particular problems and needs, but if some concentrated effort is made, there is no reason why we should not be equally successful in our bid to make this Colony, if not self-sufficient, at least less dependent on other sources, for some of our food.

With regard to vegetables, poultry and dairy goods, we have seen the enterprise of certain small local experiments achieve fruition. The conviction grows that Hongkong can be made to supply a good deal of its own food, and Government, to whom the matter must be of vital concern, should urgently consider the matter, from the point of view of economy as well as defence.

I understand that Government has already made some preliminary investigations into the subject, and that a report on the possibilities has been prepared.

Queer Football Game

I was interested the other day to read that in a football match in Europe all twenty-two players were ordered off the field by the referee. They were allowed to come back later to continue the game.

The report did not mention what action was taken, but I hope the referee stood the offenders in the corners of the changing-rooms until they felt ashamed of themselves.

A friend of mine tells me that the queerest game of football he ever saw was in Turkey. There were about forty thousand people on each side, no goal-posts, and, as far as he could judge, no ball.

—Claudius

Patrols On Roads

"By noon the place suddenly seemed to be full of Germans. By nightfall they were all in their positions, and the German patrols were out on the roads."

"And that's how the Germans occupied Guernsey. It made us laugh a bit, a day or two later, to read the German communiqué about it, which was printed in our newspapers."

The German communiqué said:

"The British island of Guernsey was captured in a daring coup de main by detachments of the German Air Force. In an air fight the German reconnaissance aeroplanes shot down two Bristol Blenheim bombers."

TO-MORROW: SWASTIKA, THE FIRST DAY.

BARDIA WEAKENS AS BRITISH APPLY INCREASED PRESSURE

Italy Accepts Fall Of Town As Inevitable

LONDON, DEC. 29 (REUTER).—BARDIA NOW SEEMS TO BE WEAKENING UNDER THE RELENTLESS BRITISH PRESSURE OF THE PAST TEN DAYS AND A CAIRO COMMUNIQUE TO-DAY SAID THAT IN THAT AREA BRITISH GUNS HAD BEEN ACTIVE WITH LITTLE RESPONSE FROM THE ITALIANS.

British pressure is being maintained in other parts of the war zone in Africa. In the Sudan-Abyssinia sector, south-east of Kassala and east of Gallabat, British patrols with artillery support have been harrying the Italians successfully.

In Italy itself, the early fall of Bardia seems to be taken as inevitable. Signor Ansaldi, who takes second place only to Signor Gayda as the leading Italian publicist, declared to-day in a Turin paper that Bardia is in no sense a bastion of the Italian forces in Africa.

In making this statement he ignores Italian broadcasts of the past few days to the effect that the resistance at Bardia proved the strength, courage and resolution of the Italian troops and also proved how fruitless the British offensive was doomed to become.

According to Signor Ansaldi, the Italians in Bardia are holding out because of their irritation at the British hoarding after Sidi Barrani.

Italian Planes Downed

CAIRO, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—Two Italian aircraft were brought down and five others were damaged during an encounter between R.A.F. fighters and a large formation of enemy bombers escorted by fighters.

Announcing this, the R.A.F. Headquarters in the Middle East also says that during an R.A.F. raid on Tobruk on the night of December 26, fires were started but the full extent of the damage could not be observed.

Arabs Delighted

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—The southern Arabs have never been closer to the British than they are now, reports a British official who has just returned to Aden from a tour of the Hadramaut region of southern Arabia.

The victories in the West Desert have given great delight to the Arabs and have brought relief to the coastal Arabs who have learned to hate Mussolini and Fascism.

Increased Artillery Action
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ROME, Dec. 29 (UP).—A communique issued here to-day states that there has been increased

Mysterious Report

Plane Allegedly Downed

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—Reports that a French plane with five persons on board, including high personages, was shot down by Spanish A.A. fire near Gibraltar on December 25 while on its way to France from Morocco, are denied by the French wireless.

No French plane, stated the announcer, left Morocco from France on that day nor have the French authorities any information of a plane under repair which left Oran on December 25 with only civil technicians on board.

Sing Tao Win Decisively

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far back. There was more than a semblance of understanding amongst them, but they found in Sing Tao's defence their masters of the occasion. Chin Chi-fun made a very good leader.

It was not long after the kick off that the superiority of Sing Tao's Kwok-kee saved from Lai Shui-wing, and with play transferred to midfield, a barrage of shots was kept up, and pressure was only relieved by Fung King-cheung shooting over.

Play was chiefly centred in Kwong Wah's half, and from a through pass by Ip Pak-wah, Lai Shui-wing went through on his own to score with a rising shot. Thereafter there was only one team in the picture, and one of their occasional raids, Chin Chi-fun had had luck to see his first time shot striking the upright with Cheong Wing-choy beaten. At the other end, Lai missed an open goal.

Towards the end of the first half, Tang Kwong-sum increased the lead following upon a close passing movement between himself, Fung King-cheung and Lai Shui-wing which culminated in his cutting in to score from close in.

Listless Football

After the lemon, play became listless, as Sing Tao dominated the whole of the exchanges. Kwong Wah's passes were invariably intercepted in midfield, and with Sing Tao's intermediate trio keeping a wary eye on them, Cheong Wing-choy had very little to do, although he was tested on several occasions by Cheuk Shek-kam, Chin Chi-fun and Lau Fook-chuen from well outside the area.

It was only a matter of goals, and from an incessant attack, Fung King-cheung scored after a close passing bout, to be followed soon after by Lai Shui-wing's header from a pass by Yeung Shui-yick. Tao were decidedly in the ascendancy in this period, and only the stout clearance and first time tackling saved Kwong Wah from a heavier defeat.

SING TAO: Cheong Wing-choy; Hou Yung-sang, Lee Tin-sang; Tsui Ah-fai, Soong Ling-sing, Luk Tai-hang; Tang Kwong-sum, Fung King-cheung; Lai Shui-wing, Ip Pak-wah, Yeung Shui-yick.
KWONG WAH: Lee Kwok-kee; Leung Pak-wai, Chung Fai-jun; Cheung Shui-fai, Chung Kim-fai; Yeung Chi-cheung; Cheuk Shek-kam, Tin Yung-fat, Chin Chi-fun, Lau Fook-chuen, Wong King-cheung.

JAPANESE SEIZE U. S. GOODS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HANOI, Dec. 29 (UP).—It is reliably reported that Japanese, on Friday night, removed three truck-loads of American-owned goods—tyres belonging to the United States Trading Company, and wolfram and battery cases belonging to the North American Syndicate—from American godowns in Haiphong.

The Japanese assured the French authorities, who informed the owners after they had made inquiries, that the goods would be returned.

RUMANIAN SPIRITS UNBROKEN

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).

Pamphlets against Nazi tyranny and re-affirming faith in democracy have been distributed in the streets of Bucharest—just one more sign of the growing hatred of the Rumanians against their German masters.

The pamphlets express undying faith in the Allied cause and state that only a British victory can free the oppressed peoples of Europe from the Nazi yoke.

"England is invincible and, with America, will break the resistance to peace under whose powers of despotism Europe is groaning to-day," says the pamphlet.

Aircraft Over Eire — Unidentified

DUBLIN, Dec. 29 (Reuter).

Unidentified aircraft were sighted over Duncaruna and Lochswilly coastal forts shortly after noon to-day, states the Eirean Department of Defence.

Anti-aircraft batteries opened fire and the aircraft flew to the north-east.

Later in the afternoon, a multi-engine military aircraft flew over Dublin and the eastern counties area. A.A. artillery south of the capital opened fire and an interceptor patrol immediately took off but the intruder disappeared into thick clouds before she could be identified.

Plot Against Ibn Saud

CONSPIRATORS CAUGHT

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).

The Saudi-Arabian Legation in Cairo stated to-day that a plot against King Ibn Saud had been discovered. Two persons had been sentenced to death and others had been sent to prison.

Before the news was made public the Italian radio had already started to accuse the British of complicity in the deed.

The accusations are fantastic state London circles, who said that it was obviously ridiculous that the British should harbour malice against an old and tried friend.

U. S. Workers Give Plane To Great Britain

LONDON, Dec. 29 (British Wireless).

A Hudson bomber named "Spirit of Lockheed and Vega" has just arrived in Britain. It has come from America. This machine, presented by the managers and employees of the Lockheed Aircraft Company and the Vega Aeroplane Company, is a gift to the British nation.

Matsuoka Speech Hotly Criticised

American Resentment

Special to the "Telegraph"

TIENTSIN, Dec. 29 (UP).—The American Chamber of Commerce in Tientsin has vigorously denounced Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka's speech of December 19, which claimed that Japan had shut no trade door anywhere and that there was no conquest, oppression or exploitation under the "New Order."

In a lengthy official statement, the Chamber called attention to what had happened in Manchuria since the Japanese occupied it, and asserted that "what is happening now in the north of China is similar to what has occurred in Manchuria."

"May we remind the Foreign Minister of what has taken place in Manchuria during the nine years of Japanese occupation?" the Chamber asked. "The door has been left open, but for exit only."

The Chamber asked why American business men in Manchuria were compelled to close up their business and leave, and added that American and other oil firms had practically abandoned Manchuria.

Plan To Oust Americans

"The truth is easy to find for those who wish to see it," said the Chamber. "Free trade and free competition is no longer possible under Japanese regulations. What is happening now in North China is similar to what has happened in Manchuria. A plan is gradually developing to oust Americans and their business in the same manner as in Manchuria."

The Chamber said that since 1937 the Japanese had imposed numerous trade monopolies, embargoes and restrictions in China, and that raw material purchases from the interior were only possible through Japanese monopolies. It added that export trade controls had forced Americans to curtail their business because they could not compete with Japanese exporters.

Threaten Doom

Import restrictions in North China threaten to doom automobile imports, as well as imports of American canned goods, cosmetics, photographic supplies, clothing, hosiery and numerous other items, the Chamber declared.

American carpet manufacturers in North China are closing their factories, "thus throwing thousands of Chinese workmen out of their jobs" because the Japanese do not allow the factories to obtain the necessary wool.

The Chamber added that lots of wool belonging to two American firms were seized by Japanese military authorities, who thus far had ignored a United States consular protest against the seizure.

Travel Restrictions

The Chamber also attacked Japanese travel restrictions, asserting that they were so strict that Americans could go to the interior only rarely.

"The Japanese trade barriers, monopolies, embargoes and restrictions are working well and all is done with the obvious aim of forcing out American business firms and Americans from North China," said the Chamber.

There are the facts and actions that count, as stated by Ambassador Joseph Grew in replying to Mr. Matsuoka's speech.

Referring to Mr. Matsuoka's words that American interest in China was largely sentimental, the Chamber said that prior to 1937, the United States' trade with China was larger than that of any other country, adding that "if that be sentiment, we agree that the United States is a sentimental country."

NO CENSUS NEXT YEAR

Contrary to custom, no census of the population of Hongkong will be taken in 1941, it is understood. It is not intended that any census be taken in any British Territory next year. At first it was proposed to make a modified survey. This plan, has been dropped on instructions from London, by world agreement, a census is normally taken every ten years.

60% Of U.S. Favours More Aid For Britain

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—No less than 60 per cent. of the population of the United States now realises that it is more important to aid Britain even at the risk of entering the war than to keep out at all costs.

The latest Gallup survey shows, the "New York Times" reports, that in response to the question: "Do you believe that the Germans intend to make slaves of the people of Europe and to control American trade and industry?" no less than 60 per cent. answered "Yes."

The second world war has arrived and Germany will attack the United States as soon as it suits her, said the "New York Herald-Tribune" in a leading article to-day. Aid to Britain is a necessity which permits of no hesitation, the paper concludes.

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12.45 Dance Music by Jack Payne and His Band.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Hubert Elsdell (Tenor) and Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.45 Borodin—Quartet No. 2 in D Major. Treble Quartet.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Variety.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 Light Orchestral Selections and Grace Moore (Soprano).

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 This week's programmes.

8.07 Songs by Robert Ashley (Tenor).

Thanks a Million (from the film). Moon for Sale (Rosen and O'Hara). Bird on the Wing (Kennedy and Grosz).

8.15 London Relay—"Hi, Gang!"

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 Variety.

10.15 Late Dance Music.

11.00 Close down.

Franco-German Negotiations

Petain Uninformative

VICHY, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—Marshal Petain made a national broadcast this afternoon but threw no light on the present Franco-German negotiations which have been the subject of a big crop of week-end rumours. He confined himself to a moral appeal to French youth and men for self-sacrifice and team spirit.

Bitter Anti-Nazi Feeling

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—Bitter anti-German feeling in France was admitted to-day by the German-controlled Paris radio.

The announcer complained that when the R.A.F. bombers made their raids, a French woman said, "The English at last. May God bless their bombs."

The Italians too seem to have some misgivings and an Italian National Council in Rome to-day complained, "Italy, while in a life-and-death struggle against the strongest empire in the world, cannot trust the French. It cannot be said that vanquished France is yet persuaded of her defeat."

Frontiers Sealed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
VICHY, Dec. 29 (UP).—Following the hermetic closing of the frontier of the German occupied zone until January 6, it is learned that the Italian frontier has also been tightly closed for no specific duration or reason.



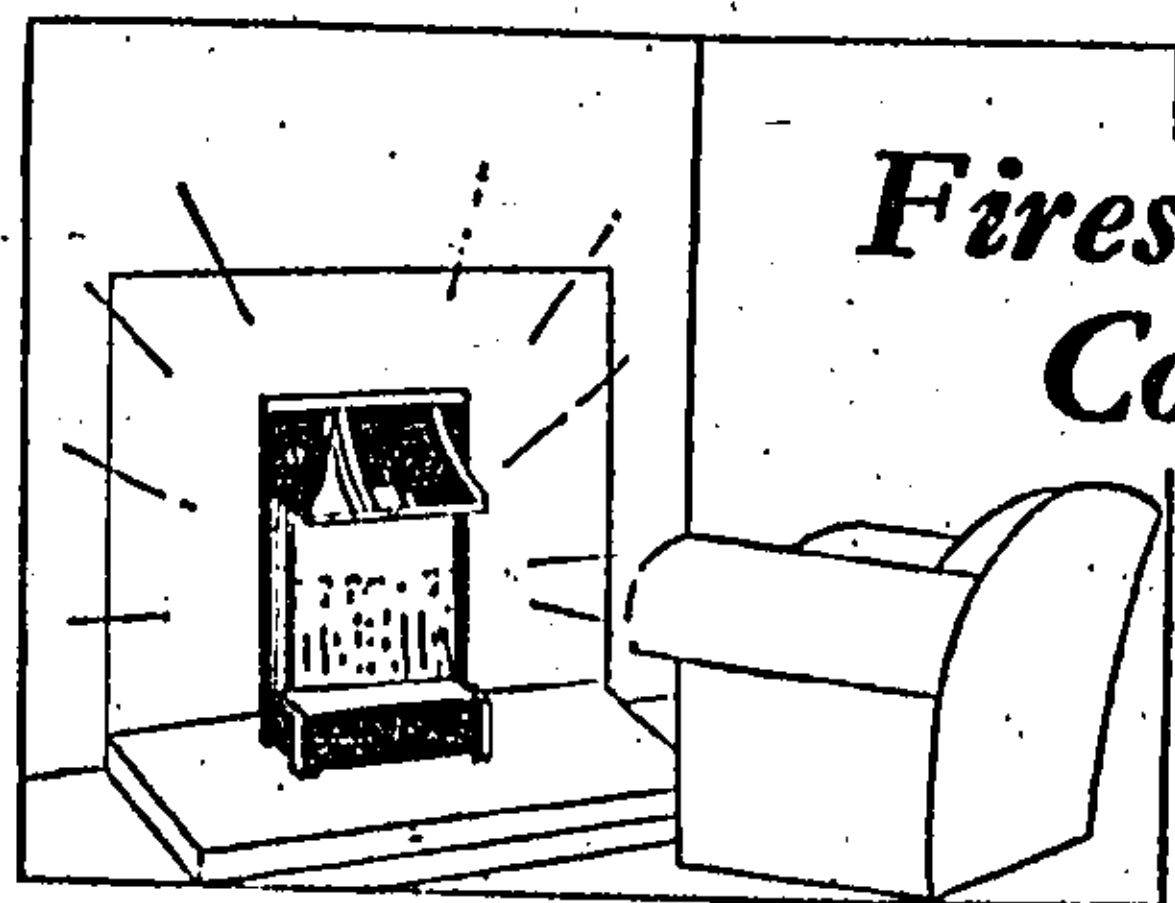
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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

Decisive Win For Sing Tao Rousing Display By Navy

Superior All-Round Combination Proves Too Much For Kwong Wah

(By "SCRAMBLER")

WITH AN ALL ROUND superior combination and understanding, Sing Tao were able to inflict a four-nil defeat on Kwong Wah yesterday in the first division of the Football league at Club ground. There was never any doubt as to the ultimate result of the game from the start, for Sing Tao went right off to work with their methodical team work of passing and combination.

MASTERFUL DEFENDERS

The defence of Sing Tao had from the beginning the mastery of the situation, for during the whole of the game, Kwong Wah's attackers were unable to penetrate the pair of Sing Tao's strong backs, and Cheong Wing-choy had less than a dozen shots to deal with in the course of the whole game.

Whereas the Sing Tao mixed their play with short and long passes, Kwong Wah maintained the short passing game, and every one of their passes went astray or found an opponent in possession of same. It was just that bit of superior tactic on the part of Sing Tao that lost the game for their opponents, for they have not for a long time found this harmonic understanding.

In goal, Cheong Wing-choy had very little to do, and all his saves were from well outside the penalty area, and he dealt capably with them. The pair of backs, Hou Yung-ming and Lee Tin-sung, cleared and kicked cleanly, and were at no time troubled. They covered their front men well, and their positional play had the attacks well frustrated.

The intermediate trio of Teal Ah-fai, Soong Ling-sing, and Luk Tat-hang were masters in midfield play, and despite the ever presence of the two wingers with their dashes down the line, they were there to do what was required of them. Soong Ling-sing in particular was a great strategist, his coverings of the inside trio was excellent. He played a very useful game, combining defence with attack.

Good Forwards

It has been a long time since I have seen the nice precise movements of the Sing Tao's forwards in action, for on yesterday's play, they combined well to a "T". There was never a weak link amongst them, and in Pak-wah's foraging of the ball and his distribution to his men were an object lesson to watch.

Fung King-cheung and Lai Shui-wing did their share of the work, and assisted well in their attack. Fung King-cheung has lost none of his clever footwork and leadership. The two wingers did as were required, and both were responsible for the goals scored.

Of Kwong Wah's team, they went about their work half heartedly. Only for the first ten minutes of the game were they able to hold the nippy Sing Tao forwards, and thereafter, it was just a question of keeping them out. Their positional play left much to be desired, and understanding between the backs and intermediate trio was sadly lacking at times.

Lee Kwok-kee had no chance with the goals that were scored against him, and on the whole, performed creditably. His pair of backs, although they kicked and cleared quite well on occasions were never really steady, their markings of the opposition were very much at fault, although it must be admitted that they were up against a much faster and brainer team. Leung Pak-wai was the better of the two.

Weak Link

The half back trio were never able to settle down, their passes often missed its mark and more often than not found their opponents in possession of same. This was the weak link in their team, and the wingers of Sing Tao had plenty of room to move about.

In the front line, both wingers when in possession of the ball, sent across good centres, and on several occasions these centres went begging down to the inside trio remaining too

Golf

F. Groves Wins Fanling Championship

In the final of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club's Championship at Fanling on Sunday, F. Groves beat Col. H. B. Rose by 2 and 1 after being 2 up at the 18th. The golf was of only moderate standard but the match was close and interesting.

Country Club

Junior Semi-Finals

SEMI-FINALS of the Junior Championship of the Country Club, Sheungshui, were played yesterday. W. C. Hung beat M. F. Pinn 1 up. A. R. Pinn beat R. E. Lee 5 and 4.

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

First round matches in the women's championship were: Miss M. C. Churn beat Mrs. Oel. Mrs. F. E. A. Remedios beat Miss M. B. Churn. Miss A. Sequeira beat Mrs. B. Botelho. Miss Oel beat Miss C. Maxwell.

Kowloon B. G. C. "At Home" And Closing Day

Chinese R. C. Entertain Visitors

An "At Home" was held at the Chinese Recreation Club, Causeway Bay, yesterday, when a large number of members participated in an American mixed doubles tennis tournament. The prizes won during the past season were distributed at the end of the afternoon by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, after the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Wong Kwok-fong, had briefly reviewed the season's activities.

The following were the prize-winners: Club singles championships—Winner, Tsui Wai-pul; runner-up, Tsui Yan-pul; Club doubles championships—Winners, Paul Kong and Tsui Yan-pul; runner-up, Tsui Wai-pul and Tsui Yan-pul; Club handicaps—Winner, Ho Ka-lau; runner-up, Wei Chun-tung; Club longhand—Winners, Ma Shiu-tung and Chan Tak-chen; runner-up, Lee Wai-tung and Cheung Sang; Club junior single championships—Winner, Cheung Sang; runner-up, Chiu Fong-hang. "A" Division Winners (Colony Tennis League)—Winners, Paul Kong (Capt.), Tsui Wai-pul, Tsui Yan-pul, Lu Tak-cheuk, Lee Wai-tung, Willie Tung, Luk Ding-cheung, Wong Shiu-wing, Chan Tak-chen and Wong Hok-tung. "B" Division Winners (Colony Tennis League)—Winners, Paul Kong (Capt.), Tsui Wai-pul, Tsui Yan-pul, Lu Tak-cheuk, Lee Wai-tung, Willie Tung, Luk Ding-cheung, Wong Shiu-wing, Chan Tak-chen and Wong Hok-tung. "C" Division Winners (Colony Tennis League)—Winners, Paul Kong (Capt.), Tsui Wai-pul, Tsui Yan-pul, Lu Tak-cheuk, Lee Wai-tung, Willie Tung, Luk Ding-cheung, Wong Shiu-wing, Chan Tak-chen and Wong Hok-tung. American Tournament—Winners, Miss yeung Wai-pun and Lam Yuk-yung; Winners (B Section), Tsui Chan-yau and Pang O-lam; Winners (C Section), Lee Yung-wing and Lui Chuen-wah.

Softball

Baseballers Trounce Saints

H.K. BASEBALLERS lifted their supporters from their seats with a smashing 10-3 victory over St. Joseph's during the week-end Softball League encounter.

But closest win was that of the Cyclones over Canucks by 4-3. Cyclones trailed 2-3 until the last frame when they romped home with the two winners.

Scores in brief were: Panthers 20, Las Florinas 8. Wahloos 13, Cardinals 5. Ramblers 28, Chung Hwa 13. First Division Hongkong Baseballers 10, St. Joseph's 3. Cyclones 4, Canucks 3. Indians 14, Filipinos 6. Second Division Comopolitans 17, Engineers 4.

DRIBBLING DOWN THE WING



Bowden (Navy) dribbling the ball down the wing in the Navy-Army Quadrangular Rugby match at Happy Valley on Saturday. O'Riordan (Navy) is covering up behind.—Ming Yuen.

Athletics

10,000 Metres Record Broken At S. China Meet

A NEW RECORD for the 10,000 metres race, open to the Colony, was established by Lee Yuk-fung at the annual athletic meet of the South China Athletic Association at Caroline Hill yesterday.

Lee's new time was 38 minutes 7 seconds, against the old time of 39 minutes 31.6 seconds.

Seventeen competitors took the field in this event and the majority finished the course. Col. P. Manson (Royal Scots), well-known as a long distance runner, dropped out of the race after completing 17 of the 25 rounds of the course. Signaller A. Lewis (Royal Corps of Signals) was second, approximately 300 metres behind the winner, and Lam Kin-fun was third.

The Kowloon Bowling Green Club held its Closing Day on Saturday, when prizes won during the season were presented by Sir Atholl MacGregor, President of the Lawn Bowls Association, who also took part in the day's match.

Over 200 bowls took part in a match between the Club and the Association. The Club's team, which included players from other clubs, lost by 31 shots. Before the presentation, Mr. J. McKelvie, Vice-President of the Club, congratulated the winners of the Club's competitions during the year, and paid a special tribute to Sir Atholl MacGregor, who did so well in his first season of bowls.

On presenting the prizes, Sir Atholl commented on the always-welcoming atmosphere of the Club. He also referred to the excellent condition of the greens and concluded by thanking the ladies for the fine tea they had served. Following were the results of the bowls meet.

G. Elphick, J. A. Lee, D. W. Waterton, M. N. Bakken (K.B.G.C.) beat C. M. Alves, L. A. Jordan, A. Brooksbank, J. G. W. D. Brown, J. O. Orla, P. Peckham, W. G. (H.D.C.) lost to W. D. Macdonald, J. D. Macdonald, A. Allan, G. Sher-riff, 14-10. A. Fraser, E. A. Atkins, S. H. Dodwell, J. McKelvie (K.B.G.C.) beat R. P. Phillips, N. L. Smith, A. Hyde-Lay, Sir Atholl MacGregor, 21-10. D. Turpin, W. E. Webster, C. Wallis, W. Orr (K.B.G.C.) beat A. W. Hircroft, A. Rivington, L. C. Sousa, J. Lockhart, 21-10. W. A. Cornell, G. A. Payne, G. G. S. Thomson, R. Duncan (K.B.G.C.) lost to A. Macdonald, J. D. Macdonald, W. Walker, U. M. Omar, 16-23. G. Cross, C. E. Langley, J. J. White, A. Hall (K.B.G.C.) lost to J. P. Shields, J. A. Castro, J. C. Gill, E. G. Post, 11-23. E. Seard, Y. H. Tang, L. Sykes, G. Per-kum (K.B.G.C.) lost to W. C. Hodder, H. Rickett, E. J. Spradbery, H. E. Drew, 20-21.

CLUB'S COMPETITIONS Results of the various competitions organised by the Club during the season were: Club Championship and J. M. Henderson Cup—Winner, A. Hyde-Lay; runner-up, C. Pester. President's Prize and D. Harvey Memorial Shield—Winner, A. Hyde-Lay; runner-up, C. Pester. Vice-President's Prize—Winner, J. Fraser; runner-up, A. Hall. Handicap Singles and Sir A. D. D. MacGregor Quilch—Winner, J. Fraser; runner-up, G. Sykes. Handicap Pairs—Winners, P. Peckham and W. H. Organ; runner-up, G. H. Sher-riff and C. S. M. Thom. Non-Prize Winners—L. Sykes and H. J. Dicknell.

R.A.P. 23, Scots 2. V.R.C. 29, C.B.A. 11. Hong Shell received a forfeit from Green-spots. Friendly. Mccrelo Ramblers 10, U. S. S. Tulsa 8.

Army Defeated 11-0 In Quadrangular Rugby Tournament

(By "Fly-half")

A ROUSING DISPLAY by Navy forwards backed up by sound defence behind the scrum, where Paul and Honeywell were prominent gave Navy victory over Army by 11 points (a goal and two tries) to nil in the Quadrangular Rugby Tournament at Club ground on Saturday.

As in their game against Club a week ago, Navy pack obtained no advantage from the set scrums or lineouts, in which departments Ford and Millar shone respectively for Army. But in the loose, Navy did a lot of attacking although they married it on many an occasion when a heel was called for.

Army backs were given chances but lacked thrust to get through the solid defence of Paul and Honeywell. Hook was not on form. The Army forwards were hard workers, and were unfortunate not to score on a few occasions.

Moranhan was not worried to any extent and performed his task in workmanlike fashion. The whole Navy three-line tackled hard and went determinedly for the line when in possession. Paul was the key man with Honeywell doing some clever work as well.

Unselfish Game

O'Riordan played an unselfish game and gave his three plenty of the ball. Rutherford gave a good long service from the scrum and seems to have a very good understanding with O'Riordan. King and Poole did good work in Navy's pack. Pleton did not deal with the kicks ahead in any too confident a manner and his touch kicking was not very good. Richards had to do his own foraging generally and was seen more often in defence than attack.

Neither Douglas nor Coombes had the speed nor swerve to round Honeywell and Paul respectively. Hook was slow at stand-off half and gave his three very little time to get off their mark before the opposition was upon them. Wedderburn passed well and kept well up on the ball in the loose. Millar, Pinkerton and Gillan shone in the Army pack.

The Game

ARMY made most of the play at the beginning, and only had handling and mauling chances. Navy, relying on the punt and follow-up, made some dangerous raids.

Paul, following up a kick by Honeywell, caught the ball on a lucky bounce, after Pleton had felled short in his kick to touch, and dodged past several Army men to score at the corner. Ford charged down King's kick. A breakdown in an Army passing movement gave Bowden an opportunity to carry on with the ball at his feet. Paul, following up, picked up and dashed over to score his second try. King failed to convert.

In the second half, a neat cut-through by Honeywell saw the same player race over and score at the posts. Paul converted.

The teams were:

Navy—Marahan, McGill, Honeywell, Paul and Bowden; O'Riordan and Rutherford; Mordfield, Watson (Capt.), Winter; King, Stockham; Longmuir, Beattie and Poole.

Weak Police XV Trowned By Club

CLUB repeated their previous performance by winning by a large margin against Police. In a mid-week game against R.A.M.C., three Police players were injured and the greatly depleted team on Saturday bowed to the tune of 6 points, (two penalty goals) to 25 (two goals and five tries).

Police appear to have found a splendid kicker in Rose, who kicked two glorious penalty tries. Cullinan was a distinct failure at full-back. Reynolds and Howlett were the only Police backs to impress. The latter needs more practice to make his moves automatic. Morrison worked hard at the base of the scrum. Police missed Dempsey in the lineouts.

Club three were poor in teamwork, and only so-so individually. Charter and Thomson were a dangerous combination. Burford hooked well and the forwards to catch the eye were Heesman, until he left the field with a split lip, and Macrae.

Club scored tries through Charter, Bosanquet (2), Godfrey (2), Stewart and Thomson. Burford and Charter converted on try each.

The teams were: Club—Thompson; Bosanquet, Morgan, D. Hyne and Stewart; Charter and Thomson; Macrae, Burford, Heesman; Widdem, Needham, Godfrey, Taylor (Capt.) and Kennedy. Police—Cullinan (Capt.), Reynolds, Howlett, Jones and Dingdale; Jackson and Morrison; Rose, Lewis, Seale, Jenner, Oakley; Wright-Nooth, Hogarth and "Tito".

TOURNAMENT TABLE

	Pts	W	D	L	T	Pos.
Navy	5	3	1	0	11	9
Club	5	3	2	0	15	9
Army	4	1	1	3	33	3
Police	4	0	0	7	100	9

Don Bradman Tries Bowling

Adelaide, Dec. 29. Lieut. Don Bradman, on leave from the Army, bowled the first ball when playing for South Australia against Victoria to-day.

South Australia scored 191 and 421 and Victoria 172 and 203, South Australia winning by 175 runs.—Reuter.

Army—Pleton; Richards, Coombes, Douglas and Macdonald; Hook (Capt.) and Wedderburn; Sutherland, Ford, Bosman; Millar, Berry; Duke, Pinkerton and Gillan.



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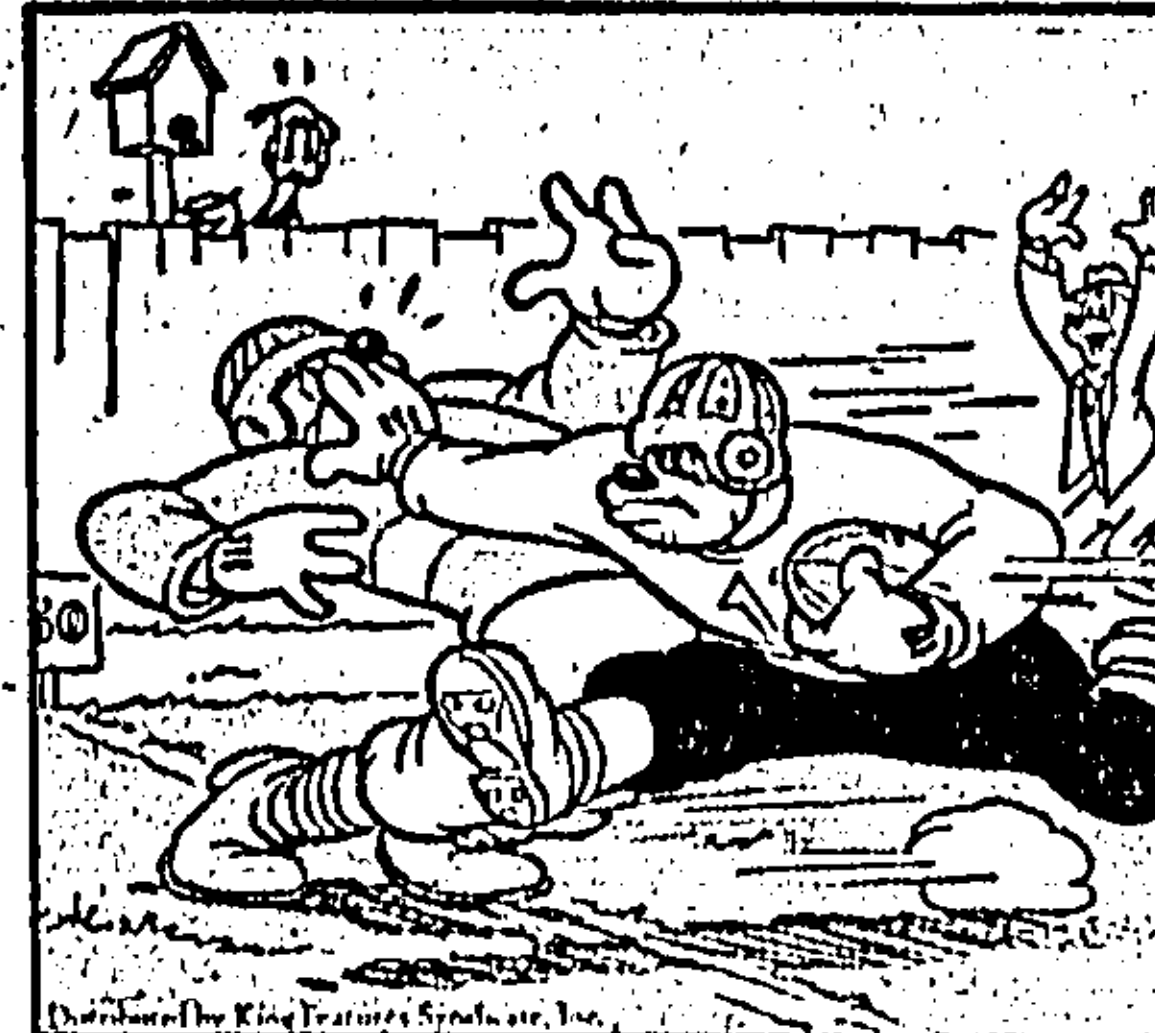
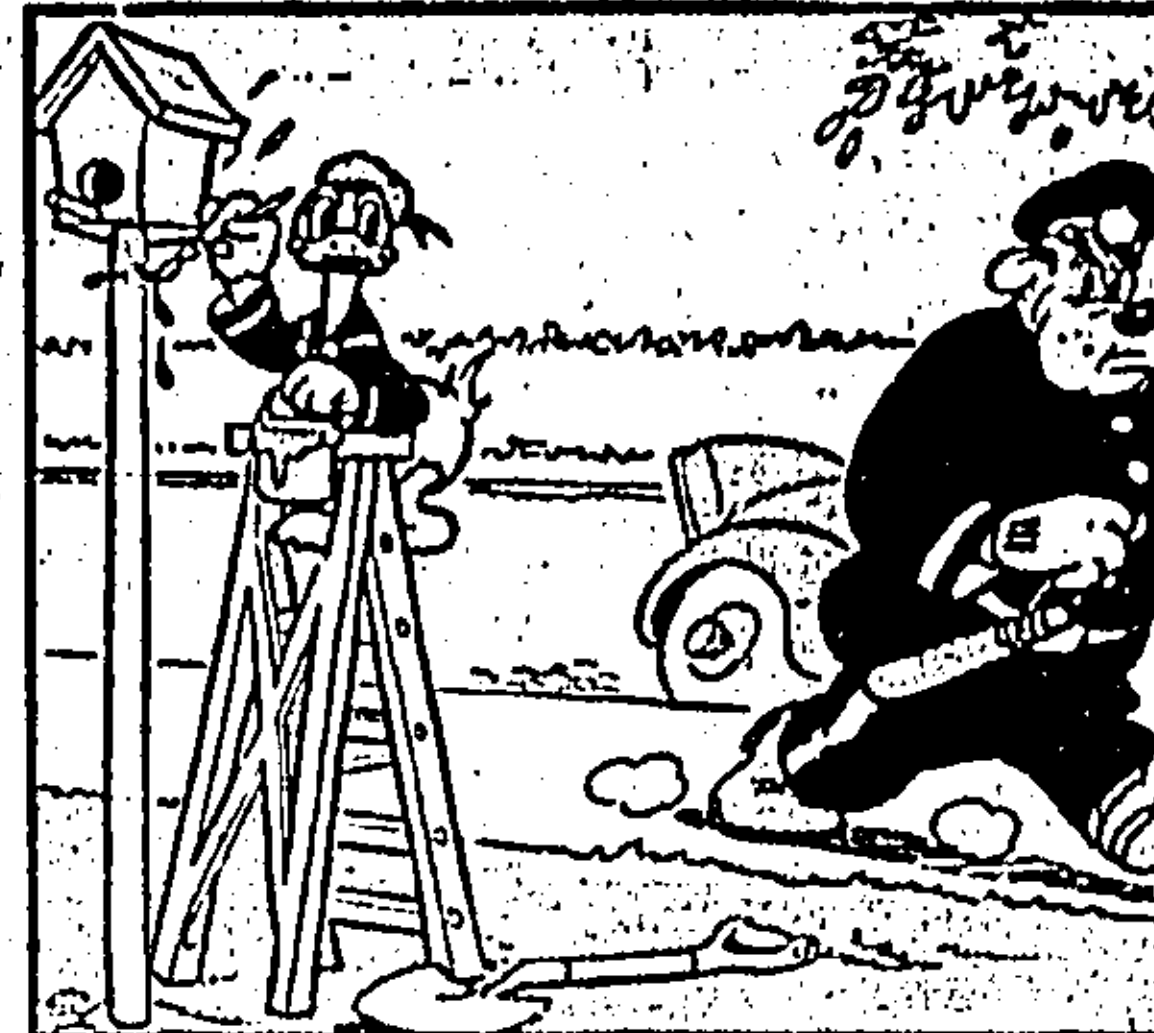
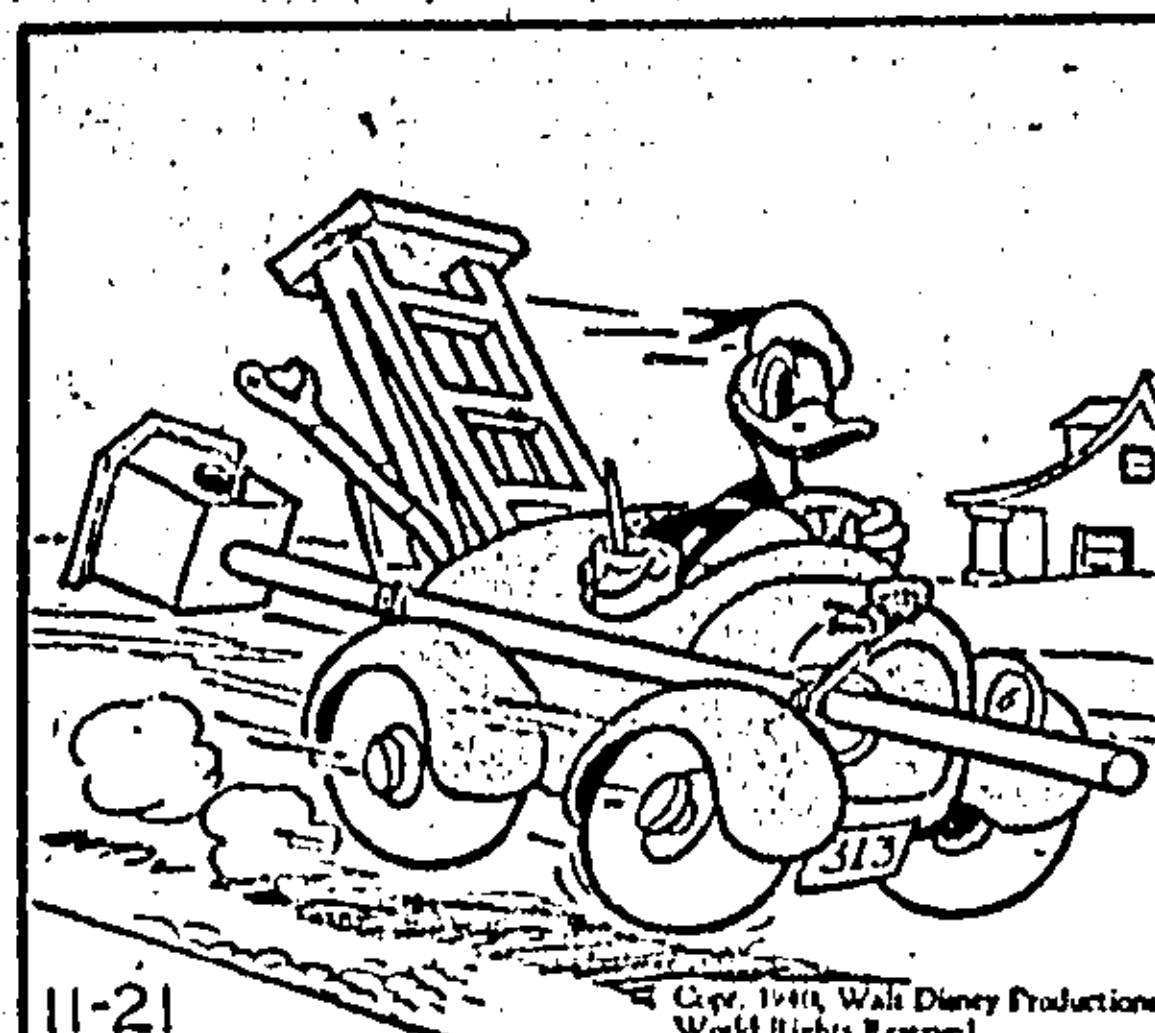
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**Chain Letters Defeat
Nazi News Suppression**

NAZI interlopers are having a distinctly uncomfortable time in Norway and Denmark. They face in both countries a total lack of appreciation of the blessings of German protection.

This is made abundantly clear by reports reaching New York from many sources.

Among the blessings in question are rigid censorship, even of the telephones, and the arrival of more and more Gestapo men.

Then there is food and fuel rationing, while taxes are at a crushing level and education is hindered by the seizure of schools for barracks.

Oil Stocks Plundered

Oil stocks, raw materials and food-stuffs are being plundered, and industry, hitherto flourishing, stagnates. There is in Norway an unlimited supply of new paper money, presumably made in Germany (with a soaring cost of living as a corollary).

Denmark in particular has also to face ruin of the world's most highly-developed agricultural system.

With the Press entirely under the thumb of Goebbels's propaganda machine, chain letters are a favourite method of disseminating news and anti-Nazi feeling.

German troops are described as bewildered and shocked at the lack of friendliness shown by their "racial kinsfolk."

Norwegians and Danes alike refuse to be seen in public places where Germans are present. Whenever a Nazi enters a restaurant, natives ostentatiously leave.

Outside Convention

Asked for directions, a Scandinavian's usual reply is: "I'm sorry, but the Hague Convention does not require me to direct the invader."

German bands, playing carefully learned Scandinavian folk-songs, perform in empty parks.

Spying for Britain is widespread. Details of new fortifications, every troop movement and location of new airports always find their way to Britain.

**Wife Would
Not Take
His Cheque**

A HUSBAND'S right to pay his wife's alimony by cheque was challenged at Clerkenwell County Court recently.

Mrs. Vera Dorothy Lillian Dilleigh, of Robert Adam-street, W.C., sued her husband, Leslie George Dilleigh, for £12 12s. due to her.

The defence was that the money had been tendered by cheque, that Mrs. Dilleigh's solicitors had insisted on payment by cash within three days, and, when it was not paid, brought the action.

"Vexatious"

It was pleaded that the action was "frivolous and vexatious and an abuse of the uses of the court."

"Either," said Mr. Clifford, the husband's solicitor, "the wife is being spiteful, or her solicitors are trying to emulate the example set by Messrs. Dodson and Fog" (the solicitors in "Pickwick Papers").

Mr. W. J. Shaw, for the wife, said this was frankly a case of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." The husband and his solicitors had put the wife to every possible trouble.

Unreasonable

He (Mr. Shaw) had intimated that he would give a receipt only for payment in cash at his office. His client should not be asked to pay postage on the receipt.

Judge Enderby found that a cheque was not legal tender. At the same time, an ordinary business man would have accepted it. He must, therefore, regard the raising of the action as unreasonable.

The £12 12s. which had been paid into court would be paid out to the wife, and there would be no costs for either party.

"Plaintiff rightly said," added the judge, "that she could not be required to pay postage on the receipt."

**CANADIANS MAY
TRAIN IN U.S.
AIRPORTS**

The United States Civil Aeronautics Board announces that the use of a municipal airport in Florida and another in Texas is being arranged for the training of Canadian flying cadets when snow slows down aviation activity in the Dominion.

Arrangements are being made through the Mayor of New York, Mr. La Guardia, Dallas, Texas, and Jacksonville, Florida, have already offered facilities.

A Norwegian Air Corps, formed of pilots who eluded the vigilance of the Gestapo and escaped from Norway, is now in training in Toronto. Swelled by Norwegian volunteers in Canada and the United States, the numbers are expected to reach 800. By the spring it is hoped to help in the air battle of Britain.

**Floating
Home For
Seavacuees**

Instead of being converted into a troop transport, the liner Queen Elizabeth will be used as a home for British refugee children, it is reported.

If the plan is adopted the liner would be moved from New York to a Canadian port or a less busy port along the American coast.

Several hundred men have been working on the interior for the past two weeks.

The Queen Elizabeth, built for 2,400 passengers, has fourteen decks, a cinema, theatre, electric lifts, hot and cold water in every cabin, swimming pools, gymnasiums, sun decks, and winter gardens.

**More London Firemen
Go For Seaside Rest**

A second party of London auxiliary firemen, numbering 40—this time from the City, West End and East End stations—has gone to Bournemouth and is doing duty with the Bournemouth A.F.S. to secure a break from the strenuous work they have been doing in London.

In exchange, 40 Bournemouth auxiliary firemen are in the capital working with their London colleagues and gaining valuable experience.

When London firemen were entertained by the Mayor of Bournemouth it was stated that the resort's example of exchanging firemen was likely to be followed by other towns.

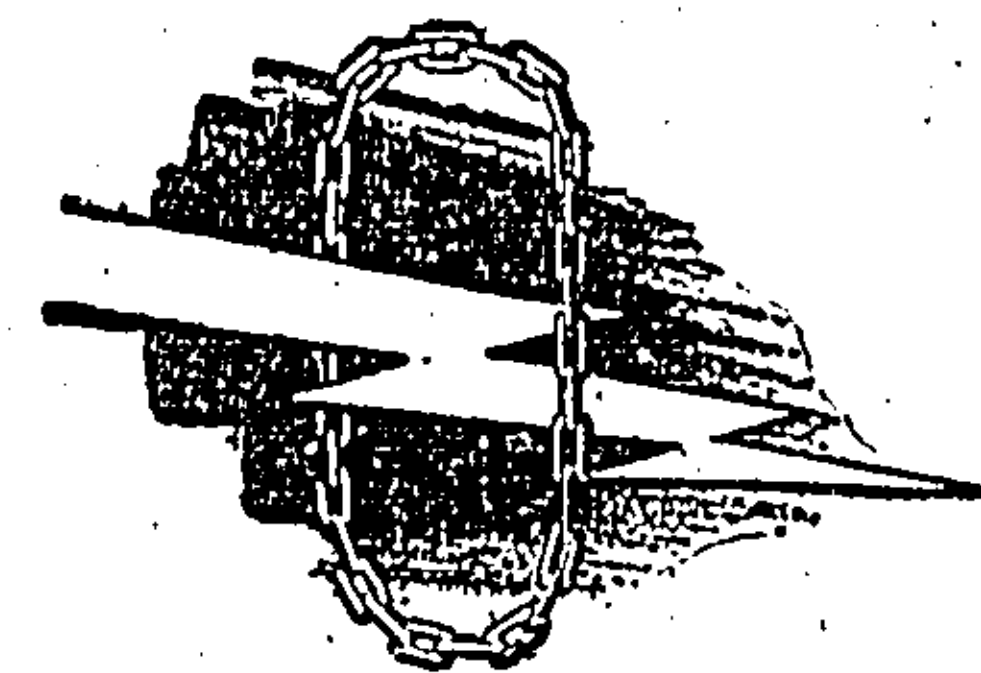
Had To Draw Lots

Local firemen are so eager to go to London that lots have had to be drawn to select from the volunteers the number required.

Women telephone operators of the Bournemouth A.F.S. have also volunteered to join the parties. One married woman has offered her house-phonist, and is willing to go to London in her place.

TIN FINDS IN EGYPT

Tin deposits have been found near Kossair, on the Red Sea coast, according to Dr. Hassan Saddik Bey, Egyptian Under-Secretary for Finance. Experts estimate that the yield will be 15,000 tons of pure tin annually.



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Nazis Have Division In Spain

Colonel Frank Knox, U.S. Secretary for the Navy, said recently that Germany is reported to have a "division and more in civilian clothes in Spain, and other divisions of troops on the Spanish border."

His speech began with a reiteration of President Roosevelt's pledge of continued aid to Britain.

The U.S., he said, does not intend to be intimidated, and will "continue to help England and China, regardless of what Hitler or Mussolini believes."

Sketching the position in the Mediterranean, he said the fall of Gibraltar would be of "immeasurable" importance to the U.S., if it should result in German movement down the West Coast of Africa.

Mediterranean Window

But "if the British Fleet can maintain control of that great inland sea, as it controls it to-day, then the line of British Empire communication will remain intact."

Broke Barriers To Bathe

A man who, said the police, persisted in breaking down the barriers on the shore to bathe, was at Folkestone recently sent to prison for three months for failing to comply with an order requiring him to leave a defence area.

He was Vernon William Dean, of Sandgate, near Folkestone. He said he had no money with which to leave the district, but the police said he had been told he could have a free railway voucher.

Describing Dean as "a perfect nuisance," Chief Inspector Hollands said: "A number of times he has been arrested by the military authorities."

"In May he was fined £10 for a lighting offence, but he elected to go to prison for a month rather than pay the fine. Under present conditions the man is a real danger to himself and others."

Old People's Hospital Hit: Many Killed

MANY patients were killed when a high explosive bomb made a direct hit on a London hospital in a recent night raid.

Two nurses on duty were also killed.

The hospital is for the aged and infirm, and some of the victims were more than 80 years old.

A block of four wards, in which there were 108 patients, was struck.

As the bomb crashed through the roof it buried the patients under a mass of plaster, beams and bricks.

Even when rescue workers cleared some of the debris away the trapped patients were unable to help themselves.

Tank Bursts

They had to be taken on stretchers in the darkness to a first-aid post for treatment before being removed to another hospital.

Rescue work was complicated by the bursting of a water tank at the top of the building.

Doctors and nurses aided the A.R.P. squads and soldiers in the area who were sent to help.

One of the leaders of the rescue work was the matron, who carried on, although she had been badly cut as a result of the explosion.

Young nurses climbed over the debris to help patients who seemed to have a chance of being brought out alive.

Guided By Cries

They had to grope over piles of wreckage in the darkness, guided by the cries of the trapped men and women.

One old man trapped in the debris could be heard singing shortly after the explosion, and he went on singing popular songs of the last war as rescuers made their way slowly towards him.

Fifteen hours after the explosion he was rescued uninjured.

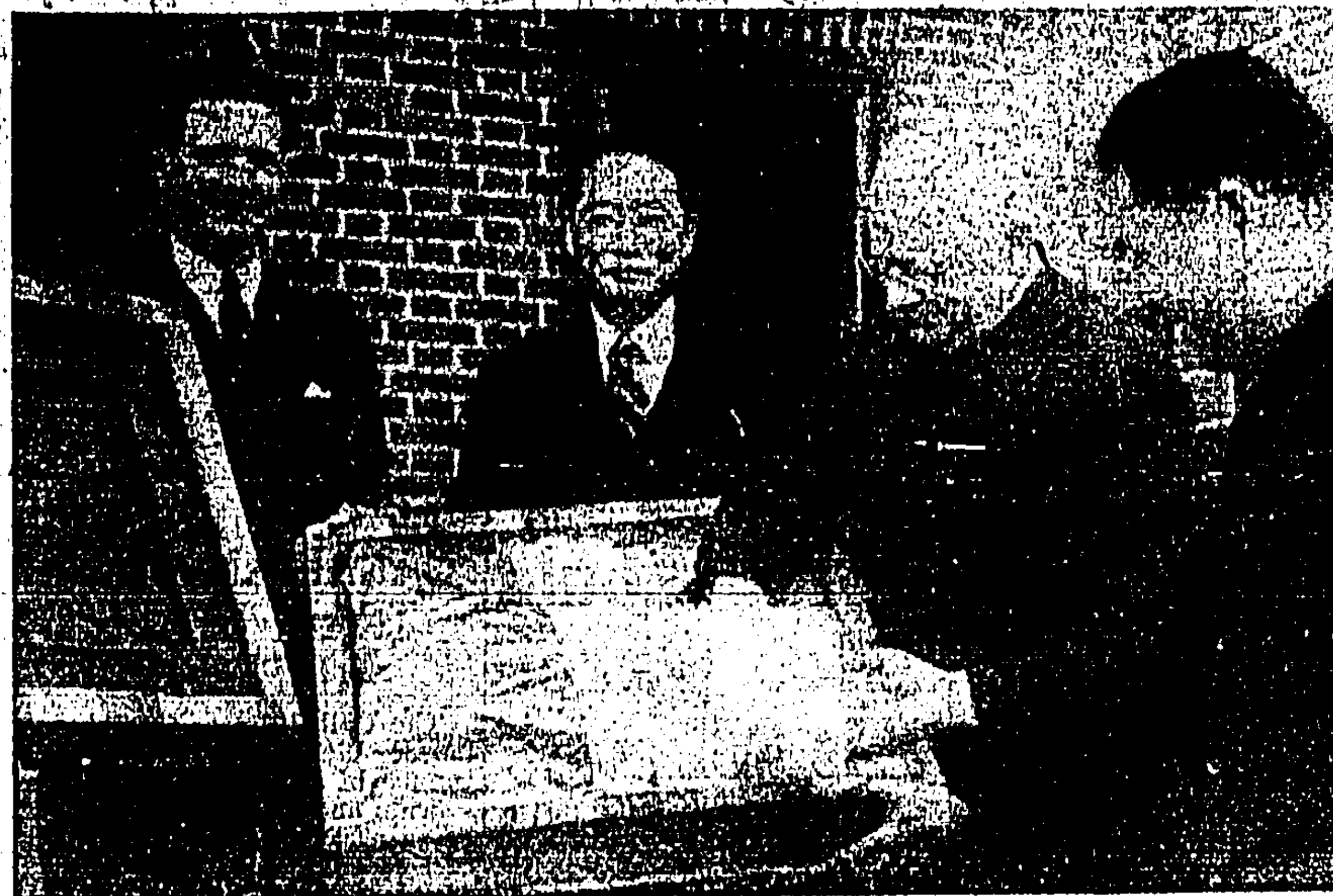
Nazis Want More Foreign Workers

Germany claims that she still needs another million foreign workers. According to the "Berlingske Aftenavis" of Copenhagen, there are now one million war prisoners and over one million foreign labourers employed in Germany.

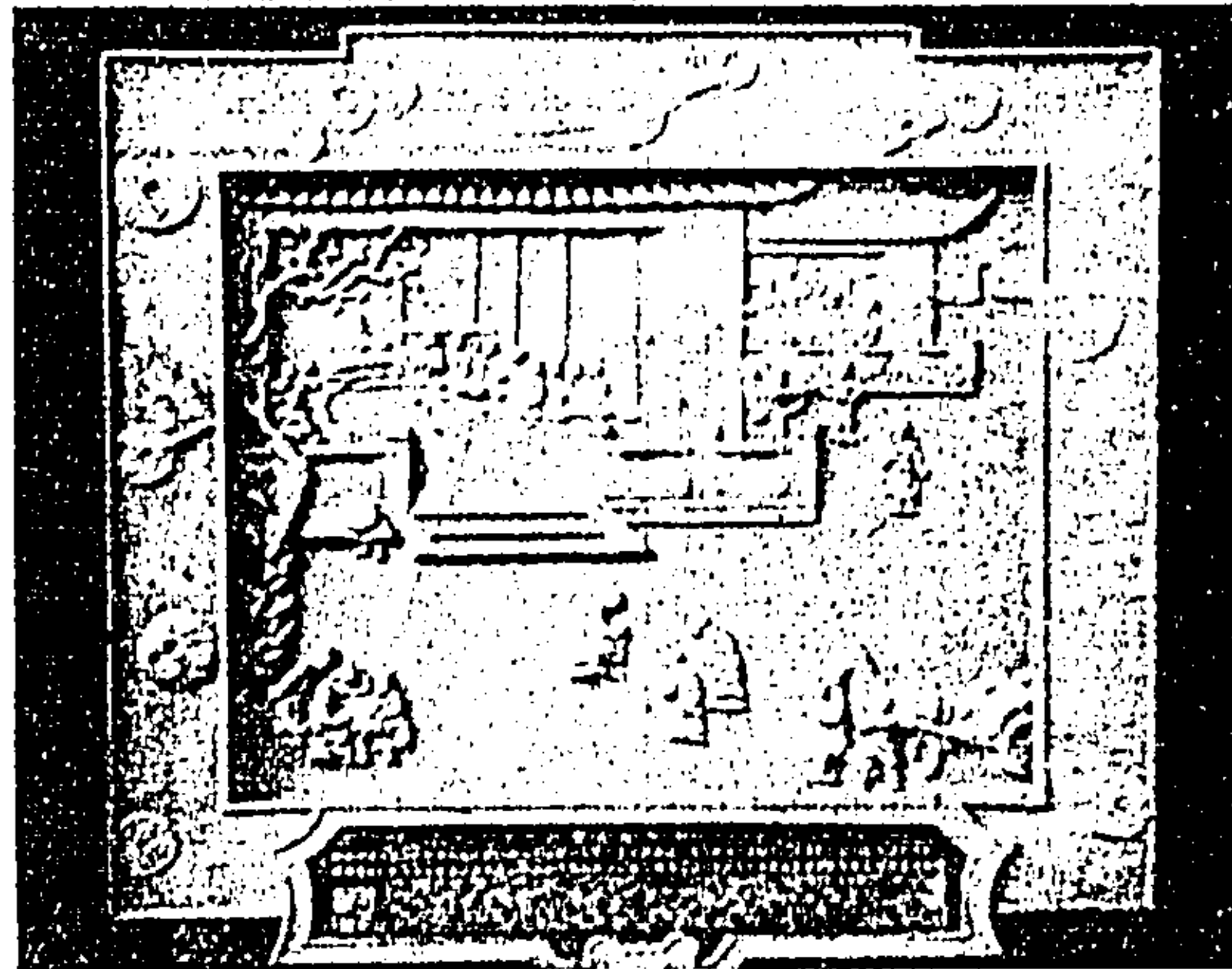
Much of this is little better than slave labour, since the wages and rations are much smaller than those allotted to Germans.

Unemployed Germans are said to number only 33,000.

CHINESE GIFTS TO THE ROOSEVELTS



The presentation of a Mongolian white fox fur coat to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, and a Foochow lacquer plaque to the President, was made at the United States Embassy in Chungking recently. Top picture shows the scene at the Embassy. Right to left—Major-Gen. L. L. Huang, who made the presentation on behalf of the Chinese People's Foreign Relations Association, Ambassador Johnson, Dr. Hsinwei Shaw, representing the Chinese-American Institute of Cultural Relations, and Mr. Everett Drumwright, Second Embassy Secretary. Right—The Ambassador wearing the coat at a reception. The plaque shown below, depicts Confucius teaching the Six Arts. (Photos by Norman Soong).



Plot To Oust Mussolini

DESPITE strict censorship, details of a round-up of Italian aristocrats have leaked out.

When American journalists in Rome spilled the news that 14 members of old and renowned families had been arrested, Fascist authorities denied it.

The arrests came after discovery of a plot by a group of Italian aristocrats to get rid of Mussolini and his Foreign Minister (Count Ciano).

The leading spirit in the plot was 66-year-old Prince Carlo Alessandro Torlonia, whose third wife was the Infanta Beatrice eldest daughter of ex-King Alfonso of Spain.

Soon after Germany invaded Poland, Torlonia formed the Resoluto, a group of Italian aristocrats determined to prevent Italy from becoming a German tool and being forced into war against Britain.

Torlonia laid before Mussolini a document proving that Italy would be Germany's next victim if Hitler won the war.

Balbo

Torlonia proposed that Marshal Balbo, Governor of Libya—whom Mussolini feared—should be appointed president of a newly-constituted Fascist Grand Council after removal of the existing leaders.

Balbo, although unaware of the plot, and innocent of any conspiracy against Mussolini, was killed when his plane was mysteriously shot down in Libya on June 28, a couple of weeks after Mussolini declared war.

The Resoluto decided to arrest Mussolini, Ciano, and Mutt in their offices in the Palazzo Venezia. After arrest they were to be shot.

Secret police arrested Torlonia at home, in the Bocca di Leone. Rome and the others as they were trying to enter the Palazzo Venezia.

Only personal intervention by King Victor Emmanuel prevented death sentences being carried out.

U.S. Sends 500 Planes Monthly

The United States exported 743 planes to Britain during the first 12 months of the war, the United States Department of Commerce announced recently.

Since August, however, it was stated, shipments have been nearly 600 a month.

The number of planes sent to Britain rose from three in March to 97 in June and 278 in August, said New York radio.

Japan Short Of Food

Hard Winter Is In Prospect

SHORTAGE of clothing and food will be Japan's most serious problem this winter.

This is stated in a confidential report by the Tokyo representative to the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, states a New York message.

"Most luxuries are almost unobtainable in Japan," the report says. "Sugar is rationed, and each person is allowed only five matches a day."

Anti-American Feeling

"Anti-American sentiment is rising rapidly in Japan," the report adds.

"There has been no direct action against Americans similar to recent arrests of Britons on espionage charges."

"But a powerful group in Japan, which has been responsible for these arrests, would be glad of the chance to deal with Americans in the same way."

"The extent to which a sort of gang rule prevails to-day in Japan is almost unbelievable."

Husband Tests Cigarette Ashes To Build Case

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia.—Finding a cigarette ash on a sofa in his home, a husband in Prague turned scientific sleuth with the result that he petitioned for divorce.

He smokes only cigars and he deduced that the ash was not from cigarettes smoked by his wife. He carried out chemical experiments which he had learned when employed in a laboratory, and the results convinced him that the "burned cigarette" was from a brand smoked by a student who boarded at his home. The husband believed that he had established, by his tests, that there was an association between his wife and the boarder. The judge, however, has asked an expert to report on the value of the tests.

SOLDIER CHARGED

--Friendship With Schoolgirl

It was alleged against a Watford schoolgirl at the Old Bailey that she not only declared her love for a young soldier and spent some time with him in a wood, but that she tempted him to do wrong.

The young soldier John Edward William Downard, 20, a gunner in the Royal Artillery, was found not guilty of committing an offence against the girl, and was discharged.

For the prosecution, Mr. R. E. Seaton stated that the girl, who lived with her parents at Watford, was 13 on Nov. 16 last year.

The girl, giving evidence, denied inviting Downard to be intimate with her, or that she had been with boys before. She also declared that she never mentioned her age to Downard.

A detective stated that when Downard was told the girl's age, he exclaimed: "Thirteen! I must have been crazy."

Wanted To Marry

Subsequently, Downard made a statement in which he was alleged to have said: "She told me she loved me and wanted to marry me as soon as possible. . . . Eventually I forgot everything except that she was a girl and we were alone."

Giving evidence, Downard stated that he met the girl on Sept. 17 when she went to the library and they went to the park together. The next day they met again, and going to the park, he was intimate with her.

The girl, he said, was wearing a jumper, blue skirt and blazer, and he thought she was 17 or 18.

Second Time

Downard asserted that when they went out together, the second time, the girl invited him to be intimate, "I was a bit frightened," he added.

Cross-examined, Downard affirmed that the girl "had a reputation among the chaps," but he spoke to her only because he wished to be friends. She did not tell him that she was still at school.

Philippines Freedom Danger

FORT WORTH, Tex. (UP).—

Fear of Axis power expansion in the Far East will cause the Philippine Islands to give up their 40-year fight for independence, E. S. Turner, for 25 years Y.M.C.A. National Secretary in the Islands, has predicted.

Serious "repercussions" may be expected if the United States withdraws its support of the Islands, he said.

Under the Commonwealth Bill the Philippines were to become independent in 1946.

Turner believes the United States will postpone granting the Philippines home rule.

Social Problems

"Withdrawal of our free market," he said, "would destroy the present standard of living and create social problems which would imperil Philippine progress of the past 40 years."

In addition, he said, Filipinos know that they would be the prey of any expanding power in the Pacific if the United States armed forces left the Islands. Recent formal adherence of Tokyo to the Rome-Berlin axis heightened fears in the Philippines over possible Japanese expansion, he said.

Islanders, themselves, Turner said, are now working toward deferment of the independence decrees.

Roxas Appeal

Indicative of the sentiment, he said, was the radio appeal made a few weeks ago by Manuel Roxas, Secretary of Finance in the Philippine National Cabinet. Roxas urged that Congress postpone independence and application of the economic provisions of the Commonwealth Bill.

Congress, Turner believes, would not discuss the Philippine issue until 1944 in view of pressing international and domestic problems.

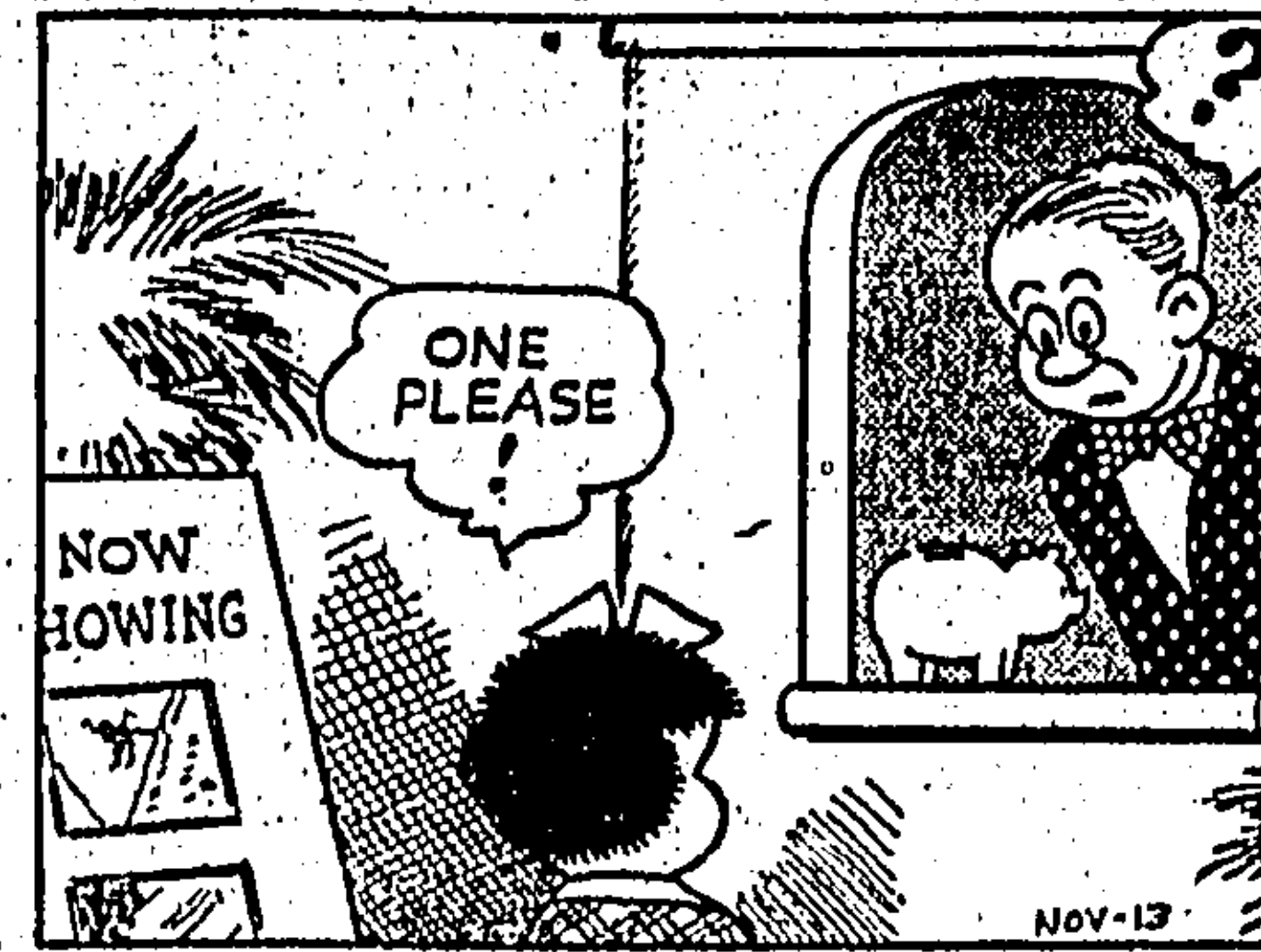
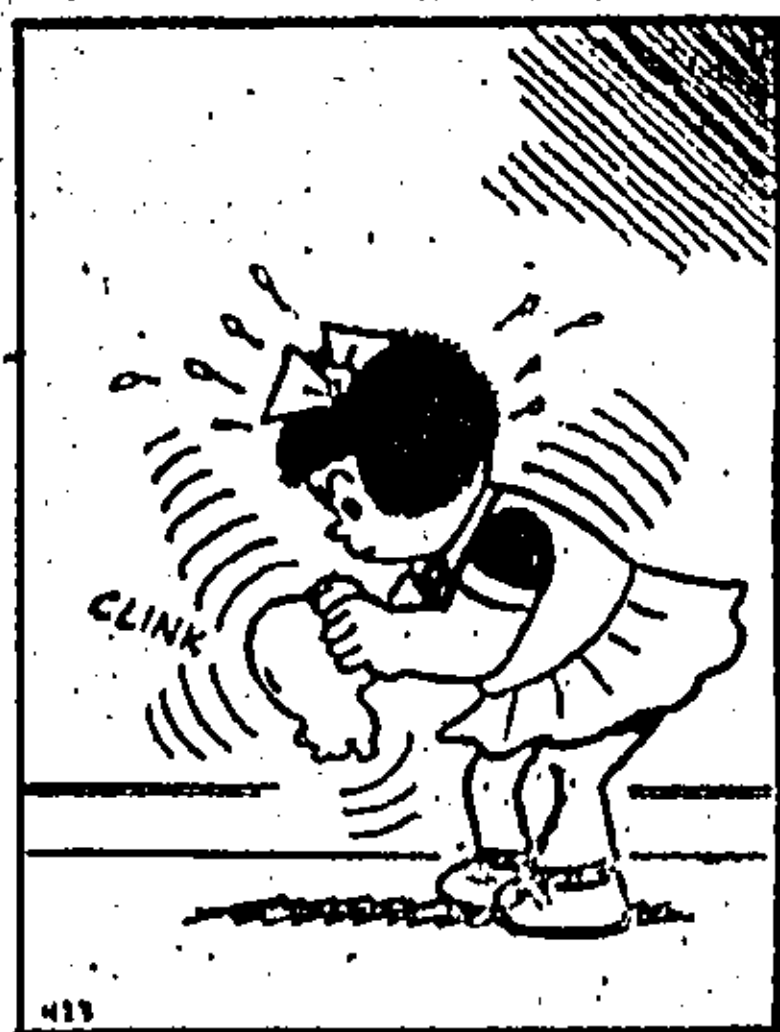
Decree For Lord Mountgarret

A decree nisi was granted in the Divorce Court recently to Viscount Mountgarret, of Nidd Hall, Harrogate, because of his wife's adultery with Lord Allerton, against whom costs were awarded. The suit was not defended.

Lord and Lady Mountgarret were married in October, 1931. The husband's case was that they were on affectionate terms until his wife returned from a visit to Gibraltar in 1939. She then became off-hand and cold towards him. Lady Mountgarret went to Paris in June, 1939, and on her return he taxed her about Lord Allerton.

An affidavit by a waiter at a Paris hotel was filed in support of the adultery charge. Mr. Justice Henn Collins gave the custody of the two children to Lord Mountgarret.

NANCY



BOMBED BY ENEMY OFF IRELAND

EMPRESS OF BRITAIN SINKING DESCRIBED

Vivid descriptions of the last scenes on board the 42,348-ton Empress of Britain, flagship of the Canadian Pacific fleet, which blew up and sank about 150 miles off Ireland after being bombed and machine-gunned by enemy aircraft, are contained in London newspapers just received in the Colony.

The ship blew up while she was being towed in an attempt at salvage, and of the 643 people on board, 598 were landed in a western port by British warships.

The commander of the ship, Capt. Charles Howard Sapsworth, stood on the bridge till it was burning away beneath him, encouraging his gunners as they battled with a German warplane till all were killed or wounded and the guns out of action. Capt. Sapsworth, who brought the King and Queen back in the Empress of Britain from their Canadian tour, was among the survivors.

Many of the passengers and crew were rescued after having been afloat in lifeboats for more than six hours. About 400 others were taken off the forecastle and stern of the liner by naval units. Some were killed outright by bombs which struck the ship and many others were seriously injured.

Attack Described
The attack began when enemy bombers dived out of the morning sky and raked the ship with machine-gun fire. Having put the liner's gun out of action, the pilots circled to the attack, swept over the ship and dropped high-explosive bombs, one of which made a direct hit.

Incendiary bombs were dropped during a further onslaught, and the ship was ablaze amidships while passengers and crew took to the lifeboats or congregated in unaffected parts of the liner.

Meanwhile, far beneath in the bowels of the liner, other men kept the engines going, though they had to use gas-masks and hand-torches in the smoke and fumes through which the powerful ship's lights could not penetrate.

Lifeboats On Fire
When the ship was hit some of the lifeboats were set alight by the fire bombs and burned fiercely as they swung at the davits.

Calm obedience of the officers prevented panic. Women and children were ordered below until the attack was over, and were sheltered to the boat stations and the forecastle by officers and ratings.

There was little danger of the ship sinking immediately, and passengers had plenty of time to get to the lifeboats quietly and in order. Other passengers and crew, numbering about 300, made their way to the forecastle, from which they were taken off about six hours after the attack.

Nearly 100 were crowded in the stern were taken off within an hour.

Lights in the fore-part went out, and members of the crew conducted passengers to the forecastle with torches. Meanwhile the captain manoeuvred his ship so that the thickly-peopled part was kept clear of smoke and flame.

Rapid Taking Off
The wind was fresh, but fortunately the sea was calm, and the task of taking off passengers was carried out with the least possible delay.

The youngest passenger was 11-month-old Neville Hart. He was saved by being lashed in a blanket to the back of a sailor, who slid down a 60ft rope into a lifeboat with Neville slung behind him like a papoose.

Neville was as contented as if he had been wrapped in his mother's shawl. He was big-eyed with wonder at the novelty of his descent, but showed no signs of excitement.

Forecastle Scenes
A member of the crew, J. P. Donovan, of Southampton, gave a vivid description of the scene on the forecastle.

"When the bombs began to drop," he said, "about 40 or 50 of us lay down on the deck. Then the lights went out in the forward part and we made our way towards the forecastle by torchlight. The stench left by the bombs was terrible. About 300 people were gathered in the forecastle, including a number of women and children. About half an hour after the attack some of the boats lowered from the starboard side came up forward and we got all the women and children into them.

"When these boats were full we still had about 140 on the forecastle. In case there should not be enough boats for us we began to make rafts. We gathered together all the wood we could find—cabin doors between decks and awning spars—and made three large rafts. We pushed these to the rails ready to flip them into the water when the time came. We had tied lines to them so that they would not float away from the ship.

"There were some very plucky things done when the boats were being launched. I saw one man named Street who was in the water climb up a rope to the deck and help one of the sailors to lower a boat. This boat was the means of many lives being saved.

and an R.A.F. officer, did a good bit of work between them. McKinnon hid about a dozen people in the motor-boat with him, but none of them could get the engine to start.

"They managed, however, to row the boat to a lifeboat lying nearby on the chance that someone there could help. There they came across the R.A.F. officer, and he got the engine going.

Flying Boat's Signal
"After that it was easy. The motor-boat towed the empty lifeboat up to the ship where the flames had been spreading rapidly all this time, and it was not long after till we were all away. I was one of the last men to leave the ship. It was then the middle of the afternoon, between five and six hours after the attack.

"All these hours the flames had been spreading forward, and when we got away the ship was burning within 10 feet of the bows, so we had not much space left. In a few minutes we would have had to take to the rafts.

"Just before we got into the boats a flying boat came along and signalled that rescue ships were on the way. The rescue ships came up about three-quarters of an hour after, and we got into the boats. The Navy men were grand."

Another member of the crew said that a number of people were killed and injured by the explosion of the bombs and the aircraft's machine-guns.

Bridge Machine-Gunned
"She machine-gunned the bridge heavily," he said, "and a machine-gunner who was stationed there fought back very bravely. I heard Capt. Sapsworth commanding him highly. The skipper himself was very cool. He stayed on the bridge until it was burning under his feet, and he was on the fore part till the very end.

"We managed to collect some of the injured and carry them off, where I and some other men stayed, along with the ship's doctor, helping to attend to them until we were taken off."

Women Very Brave
One of the stewards said: "The women were very brave. You could not have found a more heroic crowd. One of them, Mrs. Trotter, found herself on a raft. Not far away there was a lifeboat, but as it had only four men on board it could not reach the raft, so Mrs. Trotter and a steward left the raft and swam to the boat."

Engines Kept Running
An engine-room officer said: "We kept the engines running for about three-quarters of an hour after the attack. The smoke and fumes were so bad down below that we had to wear our gas masks as we went about our jobs. The lights stayed on in the engine room, but the smoke was so thick that we needed electric torches to see what we were doing."

Several members of the ship's gun crews were killed and wounded as they strove to beat off the raider. The crew of one Lewis gun were shot down by the raider's guns as they fired on it.

Members of the crew paid tribute to the courage of the engine-room staff who remained at their posts to stop the engines and shut off all apparatus which might have led to an explosion. Some of the crew who were caught in the after part of the ship opened portholes and dived or jumped out into the water and on to the rafts.

Spreading Fire
"Owing to the fire spreading a number of the boats had to be got away with only four men in them, the idea being to get them safely afloat and then get the people into them."

"The trouble was that four men could not row those heavy boats, and then the motor-boat which could have towed them to where they were needed got a knock when it was being lowered and the engine would not start."

"An assistant boatman named McKinnon, who comes from Harris,



MEN FROM MARS?—No, a British army sniper already camouflaged helps another soldier don't camouflage during a practice drill somewhere in England.

Japanese Minister To Australia
Saionji's Grandson
May Be Appointed

Prince Koichi Saionji, 38-years-old grandson of Prince Saionji, the last of the Japanese Elder Statesmen, who died recently, is being mentioned as Japan's first Minister to Australia, writes Robert Hughes, Sydney "Daily Telegraph" correspondent in Tokyo.

Earlier it appeared likely that Yackichiro Suma, Japanese Foreign Office Spokesman, would be appointed, but apparently he has been passed over.

Prince Koichi has travelled extensively, but has had no previous diplomatic experience. His selection would be an innovation in Japanese diplomatic practice.

An Oxford graduate, Prince Saionji is joint secretary of the Oxford Society in Tokyo.

Some years ago he founded a liberal magazine which had a great following. However, in the early stages of the China war, Prince Saionji was requested to water down his policy. Because he felt that the magazine had lost its individuality he closed it down.

Prince Saionji speaks English and French fluently. He is widely regarded as the Japanese Prince of Wales. No one would credit him with his age of 38. He is about 5 ft. 9 in. high, of solid build, and a keen golfer.

Old Feudal Family
The 91-year-old Prince Saionji, who was Japan's famous veteran Liberal statesman, lived after his retirement until his death on the hills under Mount Fuji.

The Saionjis are one of the five great feudal families from which Japanese Emperors may take a wife. Prince Koichi is a son of Saionji Hachiro, who was an adopted son of the old Prince Saionji.

It is an old-standing practice of the House of Saionji to adopt a son, even when there are already sons of the family. The adopted son becomes in all respects one of the family, and inherits equally with the real sons. Saionji Hachiro was the adopted brother of Prince Mori Saionji, son of the Elder Statesman, Prince Mori held for many years the important feudal lordship of Nagato.

Emperor's Men
The Saionjis stood firmly by the Emperor Meiji when the "Age of Enlightenment" was inaugurated in 1868 and the power of the Shogun broken. The old Prince Saionji was then a youth of 16. He played his part in the family duty of supporting the Emperor's authority, and the last great rising of the old feudal swordsmen broke out in Western Japan in 1870. That rising spoilt all chance of the Government of Japan accepting the South Australia plan for

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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ROOSEVELT WARNS U.S.

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believe, on the other hand, that we could rest easy if the Axis Powers were our neighbours there?

"It is no exaggeration to say that all of us in the Americas would be living at the point of the gun. To survive in such a world we would have to convert ourselves permanently into a militaristic Power on the basis of a war economy."

"Frankly and definitely there is danger ahead—danger against which we must prepare, but we well know we cannot escape that danger or the fear of it by crawling into bed and pulling the covers over our heads."

"Any South American country in Nazi hands would always be constituting a jumping-off place for a German attack on any other republic in this hemisphere."

Dangerous Wishful Thinking
"There are those who say that the Axis will never have any desire to attack the Western Hemisphere. This is the same dangerous form of wishful thinking which has destroyed the powers of resistance of so many conquered peoples."

"Let us no longer blind ourselves to the undeniable fact that the evil forces which have crushed, undermined and corrupted so many others, are already within our gates."

Cannot Appase Nazis
"The experience during the past two years has proved beyond doubt that no nation can appease the Nazis—that no man can tame a tiger into being a kitten by stroking it. There can be no appeasement with ruthlessness, there can be no reasoning with an incendiary bomb."

"We know now that a nation can have peace with the Nazis only at the price of total surrender."

"Thinking of it in terms of to-day and to-morrow, I make the direct statement to the American people that there is far less chance of the United States getting into the war if we do all we can now to support the nations who are defending themselves against the Axis attack, than if we acquiesce in their defeat and submit timidly to an Axis victory and await our turn to be the object of attack in another war later."

Opposes Peace Overtures

In his speech, the President flatly rejected the proposals that the United States initiate a peace movement and promised that American soldiers would not be sent to Europe.

He confidently predicted that the Axis Powers will lose the war and appealed to the nation to turn itself into a "great arsenal of Democracy."

He pledged expansion of the "short of war" aid to Britain.

He denounced Japan and the Axis Powers as an "unholy alliance of power and pelf to dominate and enslave the human race."

Listened To By Millions
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—In a radio address listened to by millions of people in the United States and other parts of the world, President Roosevelt re-affirmed, in careful language, the determination of his administration to render all possible aid to Britain and build up American defence till they were impregnable to outside threats.

In many respects the President's speech was a declaration of principles, positively but broadly sketched, which will be filled in when he addresses Congress on January 6, says the London "Daily Telegraph" correspondent.

PACIFIC RAIDERS

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attempt eventually to transfer raiding activities to the Pacific, where British commerce is especially widespread and vulnerable, and where Britain has only small seapower concentrations with which to hunt down and destroy raiders.

They point out that the Pacific provides an unlimited number of refugee hideaways for Nazi raiders and Nazi supply ships, all near British sea lanes across the Pacific.

They add that effective counter measures are essential if the reports are confirmed.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—The Nazi authorities have prohibited the sale of soap in Denmark until January 3. After which it will be strictly rationed.

Another Severe Raid On London

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of enemy activity in other parts of Britain.

Several Casualties
The Luftwaffe appeared to concentrate on setting fire to as many buildings as possible.

A number of casualties were reported from a wide area. A.R.P. wardens were at work while the bombs were dropping, and rescued some of those who were trapped in debris.

At 10 p.m. a lengthy lull indicated that either the Germans were following new tactics with a comparatively brief raid or that British fighter planes were gaining the upper hand.

Air Ministry Report
LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—Only slight German activity over Britain during to-night (Sunday) is reported by the Air Ministry.

Bombs were dropped at a place in North-west England where a small number of people were killed and others were injured.

Bombs were also dropped at one Suffolk coast town and at two Kent coast towns, but though some houses were damaged, no casualties were reported.

London had one of the earliest alerts to-night for some time and in the early stages the raid proved one of the most intensive yet experienced.

In all areas, showers of incendiaries were followed by high explosives.

R.A.F.—Nazi Comparison
LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—During the week ended midnight on December 28, the Germans lost, in raids on Britain, seven planes—two on the night of December 21-22; three on the night of December 22-23; one during the day of December 23; and one on the day of December 25.

During the same period no British fighters were lost.

Five British bombers were lost in the course of widespread heavy attacks over enemy and enemy-occupied territory—one on the night of December 22-23; one on the night of December 23-24; one on the night of December 24-25.

At 11 p.m. gunfire was heard after a two-hour lull.

Japanese Planning A Coup D'Etat

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agents from travelling to Thailand. However, the other Japanese Airways line via Yientane to Bangkok continues unimpeded.

Attempts To Reach Borders
Japanese tours of southern Indo-China have increased since the Thai-Indo-China hostilities, with the Japanese attempting to reach Cambodia and Laos borders, which are now under military control.

General Sumita, in a recent trip southwards, with a party of nearly 30, has been attempting to reach the Cambodia borders.

Prior to General Sumita's trip two caravans of Japanese, including eight high military officers, tried to crash through two French military barricades in a vain attempt to reach the frontier zones.

The French military arrested the Japanese, taking them to Saigon, under escort.

Decoux For Saigon
HANOI, Dec. 29 (UP).—It is authoritatively stated that Admiral Decoux will go to Saigon in January for a six weeks stay.

FRANCO WANTS A NEW BASE
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
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of December 26-27; and two on the night of December 27-28.

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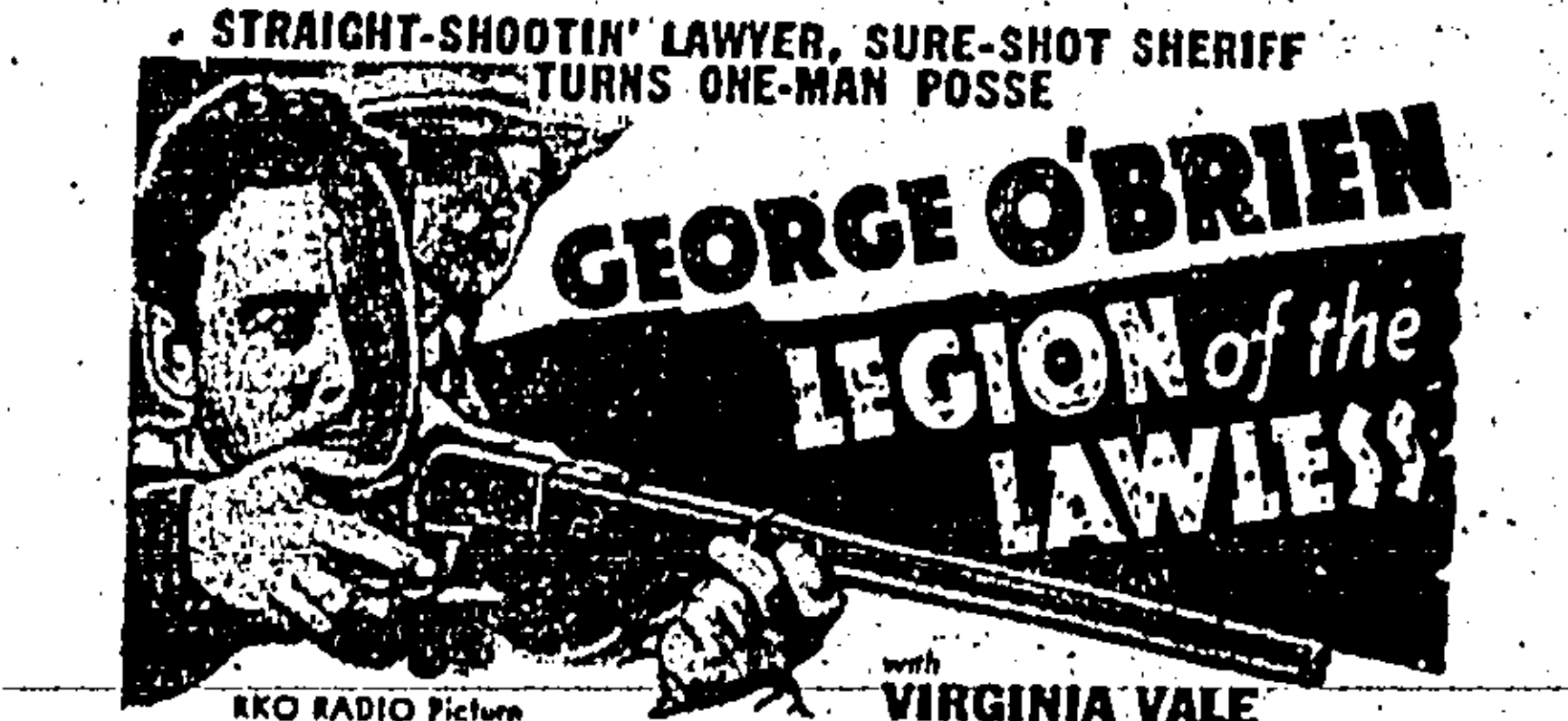
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FROM PAGE ONE

diates that Japan plans to out-flank Singapore through Thailand.

(This is substantiated by the story appearing on this page by the "United Press" correspondent, Mr. Jacoby, from the Pacific.)

who reveals that the Japanese are planning a coup d'etat in Bangkok.

Authoritative circles reveal that East India will capitulate economically to Japan, which will be Germany in Tokyo are assuring Japan that the United States will not interfere with a thrust through southern Indo-China and Thailand.

The Nazis argue that that widespread German raiding on British shipping in the Pacific will probably lead Washington to declare the Western Pacific unsafe for American shipping, thereby cutting off American material aid to Chungking, and

at the same time menacing Burma, forcing London to suspend aid to Chungking.

German Promises

They declared that Germany is promising Japan a major blockade of the Mediterranean and a military offensive as well as intensified fifth column activities in the United States and South America, which will be and South America, which will be and South America, which will be

advance, thereby diverting America's attention from the Pacific.

German circles in Japan have assured Tokyo that the Netherlands East Indies will capitulate economically to Japan, which will be Germany in Tokyo are assuring Japan that the United States will not interfere with a thrust through southern Indo-China and Thailand.

Informed quarters have reported that a large number of high Japanese army and navy officers passed through Shanghai during the week-end route to Bangkok, Hanoi and Hainan.

This is interpreted as a "tour of preliminary observation" prior to shipping, thereby cutting off American material aid to Chungking, and

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